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Barometric pressures, both at land stations and on ocean vessels, whether station pressures or sea-level pressures, are reduced, or assumed to be reduced, to standard gravity, as well as corrected for all instrumental peculiarities, so that they express pressure in the standard international system of measures, namely, by the height of an equivalent column of mercury at 32° Fahrenheit, under the standard force, i. e., apparent gravity at sea level and latitude 45°.

## FORECASTS AND WARNINGS.

By Prof. E. B. GARRETT, in charge of Forecast Division.

### IN GENERAL.

February, 1908, was unusually stormy over the eastern half of the American Continent and, as a whole, comparatively quiet from the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific coast. The temperature averaged below normal from the Mississippi River to the Atlantic, and in California and Arizona; it was above the seasonal average from the Mississippi River over the Great Plains and the Rocky Mountain, middle, and northern Plateau districts, and on the north Pacific coast. Precipitation was in excess, except in areas in the west and northwest and in the southern Rocky Mountain region. Snow was reported on the ground thruout the month in the Rocky Mountain region and from the upper Missouri Valley over New England.

Storms from the American Continent advanced over the Atlantic on the 2d, 7th, 15th, 20th-23d, and 27th, those of the last ten days of the month being the most severe in the middle and northern latitudes of the ocean. In the Iceland area the lowest barometer of the month, 28.40 inches, was reported on the 22d. Over the British Isles pressure was high during the first decade, and was generally low and fluctuating during the balance of the month. In the vicinity of the Azores the barometer continued high, except from the 10th to the 16th, when it was relatively low in that region. Over western continental Europe the barometer was low, except in the southwest, on the 1st, 4th, 15th, and 18th to 29th. In the Asiatic area winter pressure persisted, except on the 9th, 11th, 18th, and 25th, when slight depressions appeared. On the 21st and at the close of the month readings 31.00 and 31.06 inches, respectively, were reported at Irkutsk. Reports from Nome, Alaska, were missing during a great portion of the month. Over the Hawaiian Islands pressure was high, except on the 4th, 10th, and 21st, when it was slightly below normal; from the 25th to the 29th a marked depression covered that region.

The month opened with a severe storm central over Lake Huron. This storm moved over the Canadian Maritime Prov-

inces, with reported pressure 28.84 inches at Father Point, Quebec, on the morning of the 2d, attended by gales and snow from the Great Lakes over the North Atlantic States, reached Iceland on the 6th, with pressure 29.06 inches at the morning report, and apparently past thence over Scandinavia and northern European Russia. Following this storm an area of high barometer that had covered the western half of the American Continent and adjacent portions of the Pacific Ocean moved eastward to the Atlantic coast by the 5th, attended by freezing temperatures on the middle and east coast of the Gulf of Mexico, and by killing frost in central and light frost in southern counties of Florida on the morning of the 3d.

Closely following this high area a storm crossed the continent from the 2d to 7th. This storm was severe from the 4th to 6th while crossing the central valleys and the Lake region, and on the 6th and 7th was the severest storm of the month in New England. It was attended by heavy snow from the Lake region over the Middle Atlantic and New England States. Advancing over the Canadian Maritime Provinces on the 8th the disturbance reached Iceland on the 10th, and northern European Russia on the 12th and 13th. The most extensive high area of the month advanced from the Bering Sea region to the Atlantic seaboard from the 1st to 8th, attended by the lowest temperature of the season in the Middle Atlantic States, a reading of 6° being recorded at Washington, D. C., on the morning of the 9th.

Referring to the alternations of the weather during the early portion of February the Buffalo, N. Y., News, of February 6, remarks, editorially, as follows:

Leaving out of account the present storm as something not yet ready for the record it will be admitted on the face of the returns that western New York has had a spell of weather in the last few days. The wit who said the weather had gone into vaudeville failed only to take into his tally the tragedy of blizzards and Arctic waves. In the past two weeks cold waves, snowstorms and high winds, and gales have followed each other in rapid succession and Buffalo has had more than her share of the snow, about 26 inches having fallen during Saturday, Sunday, and

Monday, with zero temperature accompanied by winds with almost hurricane force, a velocity of 76 miles an hour being reached February 1. These conditions have called for special caution on the part of shippers of perishable goods, railroads, and the traveling public; and the warnings from the Weather Bureau have amply served to prepare all concerned for the changes in advance of their coming. Each important characteristic of weather conditions has been heralded at least thirty-six hours in advance, thereby saving much property and probably many lives. \* \* The local Weather Bureau office has performed a signal service during the past severe weather. Its predictions of the big storms of last week and this have been well worth all the Bureau costs in a year.

The third barometric depression of the month moved slowly from the Pacific to the Atlantic coasts from the 8th to 15th, attended by mild temperature and heavy rains that resulted in floods in the central valleys and the Eastern States. Crossing the Canadian Maritime Provinces during the 16th this depression entered an extensive low barometer area that covered the higher latitudes of the north Atlantic Ocean from the 18th until the close of the month. During the passage of this disturbance over the interior of the United States tornadic storms were reported on the 14th in Texas and Mississippi, and severe windstorms were experienced on the Lakes and Atlantic coast during its passage over the eastern districts. From the 16th to 20th a disturbance crossed the American Continent, attended by heavy snow and gales from the upper Mississippi Valley eastward, and followed by a moderate cold wave that carried the line of frost to the middle Peninsula of Florida. From the 23d to 26th a barometric depression advanced from the British Northwest Territory to the Atlantic coast with general precipitation from the Rocky Mountains eastward and gales on the Great Lakes and the Atlantic and Gulf coasts. This depression was followed by a cold wave that produced the lowest temperatures of the season in southeastern Florida, freezing temperature being reported in Dade County on the 28th.

During the closing days of the month barometric pressure decreased over the western portion of the United States, and by the 29th unsettled weather had set in generally throughout the central valleys and thence westward to the Pacific coast.

BOSTON FORECAST DISTRICT.\*

[New England.]

The month as a whole was cold and stormy. The coast was swept by several severe storms, the most severe of which was the one of the 6-7th. There was considerable snow in the first decade, and the minimum temperatures of the month occurred generally on the 5th. While there was much delay and inconvenience to shipping from stress of weather, there was no great damage to vessels or to shore property.—J. W. Smith, *District Forecaster*.

NEW ORLEANS FORECAST DISTRICT.\*

[Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas.]

Precipitation was generally excessive and temperature as a rule above the normal. No extensive cold wave occurred and no general storm visited the Gulf coast. Frost or freezing temperature warnings were issued for all injurious temperature conditions.—I. M. Cline, *District Forecaster*.

LOUISVILLE FORECAST DISTRICT.\*

[Kentucky and Tennessee.]

The month was stormy, with an excess of precipitation and no very cold weather. Cold-wave warnings were ordered on the 1st in advance of the cold weather of the first three days, when the lowest temperature of the month occurred.—F. J. Walz, *District Forecaster*.

CHICAGO FORECAST DISTRICT.\*

[Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, and Montana.]

No sweeping cold waves occurred. Advisory messages for high winds were issued to open ports on Lake Michigan. No Lake casualties have been reported. The principal feature of the weather conditions in the district was the occurrence of

heavy rains and snows attending the movement of four different storms, the most severe of which occurred in the latter part of the second decade of the month. Warnings were issued in advance of these storms as far as possible, and it is thought that the forecasts were of great service.—H. J. Cox, *Professor and District Forecaster*.

DENVER FORECAST DISTRICT.\*

[Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, New Mexico, and Arizona.]

There were a few cold snaps of brief duration and heavy snowfalls of a local character, but the prevailing weather was fine—F. H. Brandenburg, *District Forecaster*.

SAN FRANCISCO FORECAST DISTRICT.†

[California and Nevada.]

The month as a whole was one of pleasant weather, with a normal amount of rain. During the middle of the month the weather was generally clear and pleasant owing to the existence of a marked high area. Some moderately heavy frosts occurred and ample warnings were issued in all cases. The month closed with a severe storm.—A. G. McAdie, *Professor and District Forecaster*.

PORTLAND, OREG., FORECAST DISTRICT.†

[Oregon, Washington, and Idaho.]

The month was unusually quiet and only two storms of note crossed the district, one on the 5th and the other on the 26th. Timely warnings were issued. No cold waves occurred.—E. A. Beals, *District Forecaster*.

RIVERS AND FLOODS.

Winter and spring storms from the southwest that move northeastward from New Mexico and Texas thru the Ohio Valley, the lower Lake region, and the St. Lawrence Valley are usually attended by heavy rains and abnormally high temperatures over the east and south quadrants. These rains almost invariably cause severe floods in the rivers, particularly in the Ohio and its tributaries, and they are frequently much increased in magnitude by the additional volume of water from the melting of the snows that have accumulated since the last thaw. In fact it often happens that the melting of the accumulated snow contributes more to the flood volume than does the rainfall resulting from the storms.

The storm of February 13-16, 1908, was no exception to the general rule. On the night of February 10 there were from 3 to 18 inches of snow over the upper Ohio watershed with a water equivalent of about 20 per cent of the actual depth, the greatest amount being over the Allegheny River watershed. This snow began to melt on the 12th, under the influence of warm southerly winds caused by a depression to the northwestward, and preliminary advices were issued on that day from the Central Office at Washington to the effect that warm rains would cause rapid melting of the snows over the upper Ohio Valley and the Middle Atlantic States with a probability of high waters and the breaking up of ice.

Specific warnings from the district centers began on the 13th and 14th, and during the 15th they were extended to the Atlantic coast.

To give in detail the history of the floods would simply mean a repetition of the history of past floods with the single, altho extremely significant, exception that never before had a flood of such magnitude prevailed over the Ohio Valley without loss of human life, and with so little loss and damage to property. It was freely admitted in this connection that this happy condition of affairs had been made possible by the timely and accurate warnings of the Weather Bureau. Practically nothing movable was damaged, but the damage to what could not be moved amounted to several millions of dol-

\* Morning forecasts made at district center; night forecasts made at Washington, D. C.

† Morning and night forecasts made at district center.

lars, Pittsburg alone suffering to an amount variously estimated at from one to three millions.

Flood stages were first reached on the lower Mississippi on the 21st, but at the end of the month the flood line had not been reached at Greenville, Miss., while the crest had just past New Madrid, Mo.

Following are the flood and crest stages at the various stations of observation from Pittsburg to Cairo, with the dates of the crests:

Station.	Flood stage.	Crest stage.	Date.
Pittsburg, Pa.	22	30.7	16
Beaver Dam, Pa.	27	41.3	16
Wheeling, W. Va.	36	42.8	17
Parkersburg, W. Va.	36	41.2	18
Point Pleasant, W. Va.	39	45.7	19
Huntington, W. Va.	50	48.1	19
Cynthiaburg, Ky.	50	49.2	19
Portsmouth, Ohio.	50	50.9	19
Maysville, Ky.	50	48.9	20
Cincinnati, Ohio.	50	51.3	20
Madison, Ind.	46	41.5	21
Louisville, Ky.	28	24.7	21
Evansville, Ind.	35	40.9	23, 24
Mount Vernon, Ind.	35	41.3	25
Paducah, Ky.	40	40.9	26
Cairo, Ill.	45	44.9	26

The Wabash River reached a stage of 18.9 feet at Terre Haute, Ind., on the 20th, 2.9 feet above flood stage, and 23.2 feet at Mount Carmel, Ill., on the 24th, 8.2 feet above flood stage. Excellent warnings were also issued for the interior rivers of Ohio, and they were of great value to all concerned.

No damage of consequence was caused by the flood in the Illinois River, altho the crest stages were from 3 to 7 feet above the flood line. Warnings were issued on the 13th and 14th.

Nearly all of the rivers of the Middle Atlantic States and New England were in flood on the 16th and 17th, accompanied by the breaking up of the ice, but as warnings had been given a few days in advance, the damage was reduced to a minimum.

Flood stages also occurred in most of the rivers of the South Atlantic and east Gulf States, but without unusual incident, as warnings were issued at the proper time. These warnings were of special value to the cattle and lumber interests. The greatest rises occurred in the rivers of Alabama.

By the end of the month normal conditions had been resumed, except in the lower Ohio, lower Mississippi, Illinois, and Wabash rivers, where high stages continued.

On February 4 the first warning was issued for the Gila River of Arizona, and altho no flood was anticipated, the warnings of a moderate rise in the lower river were of value.

#### ICE.

At the end of the month the Mississippi River was frozen over almost as far south as Davenport, Iowa, which was about the southern limit at the end of February, 1907. It had been frozen over as far as Hannibal, Mo., but opened on the 14th at Davenport, on the 25th at Muscatine, Iowa, and on the 12th at Hannibal. Floating ice was observed early in the month as far south as New Madrid, Mo.

The Missouri River remained closed as far down as Sioux City, Iowa, and for some distance below. It had been closed at Omaha, Nebr., but opened on the 12th. There were occasional gorges below early in the month, and navigation in and

out of Hermann, Mo., was suspended from the 1st to the 10th inclusive.

The Ohio River remained open, altho floating ice was frequently observed during the first half of the month.

The middle Atlantic and New England rivers were generally frozen at the beginning of the month, but the thaw of the 13th and 14th broke up the ice except in eastern New England.

The southernmost point from which ice was reported was Weldon, N. C., on the Roanoke River, where floating ice was observed from the 3d to the 6th, inclusive.

#### SNOW.

The following information has been condensed from the snow bulletins issued in the Western States, where the water supply for irrigation purposes is dependent upon the amount of run-off from melted snow.

*Arizona.*—There was much more snow than the combined fall of the two previous months; the snow is well packed, and the prospects of a plentiful water supply are now very favorable.

*Colorado.*—Over the northern watersheds the snowfall was deficient, but over the southern portion it was, as a whole, in excess of the normal amount. Conditions appear to indicate an early flow of water, with a deficient supply over the central and northern portions of the State.

*Idaho.*—The greater portion of the snow fell over the northern end of the State, where the fall had hitherto been deficient. The snow is compact, and an average flow of water is indicated, except in the Wood, Boise, and Salmon River districts.

*Montana.*—Altho there was a material increase in the snowfall, the flow of water for navigation and mining purposes will be inadequate.

*Nevada.*—There was a general increase in the depth of accumulated snow, but without exceptionally favorable conditions in March, the flow of water will be deficient.

*New Mexico.*—Conditions on the whole are fairly favorable, except over the Canadian watershed, and the extreme southwestern portion of the territory.

*Utah.*—While the snowfall for February was deficient, yet that left on the ground is well packed and prospects of a good water supply are favorable. The lakes and streams are high for the season.

*Oregon.*—There is much less than the usual amount of snow on the ground, owing both to deficient supply and the excess of rain. The run-off will consequently be less than usual.

*California.*—A good supply of water is indicated.

*Washington.*—The winter snow has thus far been deficient, and the flow of water will probably fail to meet all requirements.

*Wyoming.*—The snowfall of the month was light, but what remains is well packed, and a good supply of water is indicated, except possibly over the eastern slope of the Big Horn Mountains, where more snow is needed.

The highest and lowest water, mean stage, and monthly range at 207 river stations are given in Table IV. Hydrographs for typical points on seven principal rivers are shown on Chart I. The stations selected for charting are Keokuk, St. Louis, Memphis, Vicksburg, and New Orleans, on the Mississippi; Cincinnati and Cairo, on the Ohio; Nashville, on the Cumberland; Johnsonville, on the Tennessee; Kansas City, on the Missouri; Little Rock, on the Arkansas; and Shreveport, on the Red.—*H. C. Frankenfield, Professor of Meteorology.*

#### SPECIAL ARTICLES, NOTES, AND EXTRACTS.

##### RECENT PAPERS BEARING ON METEOROLOGY AND SEISMOLOGY.

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**NOTES FROM THE WEATHER BUREAU LIBRARY.**

By C. FITZHUGH TALMAN, Assistant Librarian.

**THE KITE STATION ON LAKE CONSTANCE.**

Das Weltall for February 15, 1908, contains an illustrated description of the kite station at Friedrichshafen, on Lake Constance, which is to be opened April 1 of this year. This station was established and is to be maintained at the joint expense of the German Empire and the States of Bavaria, Württemberg, Baden, and Alsace-Lorraine, but will be attached especially to the meteorological service of Württemberg. An important part of its equipment is a small steamboat, the *Gna*, which will be used to lift the kites in calm or stormy weather. In the latter case the steamer will run with the wind, thus moderating its effect upon the kite. As Lake Constance is not far from the first-order meteorological station at the top of the Säntis, a good opportunity will be afforded to compare observations at a mountain station with those made in the free air at a similar altitude.

The establishment of this new station is a fresh proof of the great interest taken in upper air research by the German imperial and state governments, which already maintain the most complete aeronautical observatory of the world, at Lindenbergs, Prussia, the kite station of the Deutsche Seewarte,

at Gross-Borstel, near Hamburg, and institutions for upper air research at Strassburg (the headquarters of the International Committee for Scientific Aeronautics) and at Munich.

ALBERT LANCASTER (1849-1908).

M. Albert Benoît Marie Lancaster, Director of the Meteorological Service of Belgium, died at Brussels February 4, 1908. He was born at Mons, Belgium, in 1849; accompanied Houzeau, then director of the Royal Observatory of Belgium, to Texas to observe the transit of Venus in 1882, and was associated with Houzeau, in producing the great "Bibliographie Générale de l'Astronomie" and a popular treatise on meteorology. He was one of the founders of the fortnightly journal of astronomy and meteorology, *Ciel et Terre*, and for many years its principal editor. Besides numerous contributions to the scientific journals, he published an important collection of rainfall statistics for Belgium, "La pluie en Belgique" (Brussels, 1894). In 1903 Lancaster succeeded Snellen as a member of the International Meteorological Committee.

J. Vincent succeeds Lancaster, provisionally, as director of the Belgian service.

#### A NEW METEOROLOGICAL BULLETIN FROM BOLIVIA.

The Weather Bureau Library has received the first number of the "Boletín mensual del Servicio Meteorológico de la República Boliviana," issued by the Meteorological Observatory of La Paz, under the direction of the Bolivian Ministry of Colonization and Agriculture. The title of this publication is somewhat misleading, as the data contained relate solely to observations at La Paz. These are, however, published in much detail, and the editor of the bulletin states, in his introduction, that he will be glad to receive and publish meteorological observations from the agricultural "juntas," established in the several departments of the country, as well as from individuals interested in meteorology. It is to be hoped that this suggestion will be heeded, as but few statistics now exist concerning the climate of Bolivia, outside of La Paz.

#### THE LATE SIR RICHARD STRACHEY.

Lieut. Gen. Sir Richard Strachey, R. E., G. C. S. I., LL. D., F. R. S., died February 12, 1908, in his ninety-first year. A long and appreciative review of his career, by Mr. W. N. Shaw, who was intimately associated with him for many years in the administration of the British Meteorological Office, appears in *Nature* of February 27.

General Strachey's earlier scientific work was done in India. As head of the Public Works Department he had much to do with the creation and development of the admirable Indian meteorological service, and as president of the Famine Commission he investigated the physical causes of Indian famines. He also studied the physical geography and meteorology of the western Himalaya and Tibet. Some of the other subjects which engaged his attention during his long career were the relation of rainfall at Madras to the sun-spot period, the vertical distribution of aqueous vapor in the atmosphere, the barometrical disturbances and sounds produced by the eruption of Krakatoa, meteorological applications of the harmonic analysis, and the computation of mean daily temperatures and of accumulated temperatures, in connection with the latter of which he suggested the use of the term "day-degrees."

In 1884 he represented Great Britain at the Prime Meridian Conference at Washington. In 1873 he became a member of the meteorological committee of the Royal Society, later known as the Meteorological Council, and in 1883 its chairman, a post which he held until the council ceased to exist in 1905.

In 1906 he received the Symons Memorial Gold Medal of the Royal Meteorological Society.

#### A METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE IN FRENCH WEST AFRICA.

For many years the Central Meteorological Bureau of France has published in its annals the results of meteorological observations at a few widely scattered stations in French West Africa. One station, Gorée, was established as early as 1840.

In 1903, after the consolidation of the colonies of French West Africa under a single administration, a local meteorological service was inaugurated, on the model of that which has existed for a number of years in French Indo-China, the director of the colonial medical service being placed at its head. Besides taking over the control of the old stations in this region, several new stations were established, and uniform methods of observation were adopted. Professor Mascart rendered valuable counsel and assistance in this undertaking.

At the end of 1905 the following stations were in operation: Dakar, St. Louis, and Sédiou, in Senegal; Kaédi, Tidjikdja, Boutilim, Nouakchout and Mal, in Mauretania; Séguo, Bobo-Dioulasso, Kati, Sikasso, Gaoua, Bandiagara, and Kouri, in Upper Senegal and Niger; Timbuktu, Niamey, Zinder and Dori, in the "territoire militaire"; Konakri, Beyla, Kissidougou, Kouroussa, Kindia, Dittinn, and Touba, in French Guinea; Grand Bassam, Toumodi, Dabakala-Koroko, Séguela, and Bouaké, in the Ivory Coast colony; and Porto Novo and Parakou in Dahomey.

A history and description of the new service, together with pressure, temperature, humidity, and rainfall curves for certain stations for 1904 and 1905, was published in pamphlet form by the government of French West Africa, 1906, in connection with the colonial exposition at Marseille. A copy of this publication has recently been received in the Weather Bureau Library.<sup>1</sup>

#### THE WRECK OF THE AUSTRAL.

The Scottish Geographical Magazine reports the wreck of the *Austral*, the vessel recently sent out by the Argentine Meteorological Office to establish a meteorological station on Wandel Island. The valuable meteorological instruments were lost, and the establishment of the station will be delayed at least a year. This is to be one of several Argentine stations, some of which are already in operation, in the island groups to the southeast of the continent of South America. The *Austral* was formerly the *Français*, of Dr. Charcot's antarctic expedition.

#### METEOROLOGICAL CABLEGRAMS FROM ICELAND.

Nearly all the meteorological services of Europe, except France, now receive direct daily weather reports by cable from Iceland and the Faroes, each paying therefor an annual subscription of \$1,200. Owing to the limited funds at its disposal, the French service is obliged to depend upon the British weather map for its reports from these islands, an arrangement that entails a delay of twenty-four hours and makes the reports practically useless for forecasting purposes. This matter was brought to the attention of the French Academy of Sciences at the meeting of January 6, 1908, and a resolution was past urging the government to make suitable provision for obtaining these reports by cable.

#### HODGKINS FUND PRIZE.

In connection with the International Congress on Tuberculosis, to be held in Washington September 21 to October 12, 1908, the Smithsonian Institution offers a prize of \$1,500 from the Hodgkins Fund for the best treatise on the relation of atmospheric air to tuberculosis. Memoirs having relation to the cause, spread, prevention, or cure of tuberculosis are included within the general terms of the subject. The language may be English, French, German, Italian, or Spanish, and papers will be received until October 12, 1908.

The Hodgkins Fund, established in 1891, is devoted to "the increase and diffusion of more exact knowledge in regard to the nature and properties of atmospheric air in connection with the welfare of man." Liberal prizes are offered from time to time, and each competition is sure to bring out some notable contributions to science. An award of \$10,000 from

<sup>1</sup> Gouvernement général de l'Afrique Occidentale Française. Notices publiées par le gouvernement général à l'occasion de l'exposition coloniale de Marseille. Service météorologique. Paris: É. Larose. 1906. 54 p. 8°.

this fund was made to Lord Rayleigh and Professor Ramsay for their discovery of argon and their memoir on the subject.

DOCTOR POLIS'S VISIT TO AMERICA.

Dr. P. Polis, the well-known director of the Meteorological Observatory of Aachen (Aix-la-Chapelle) has prepared a report of his official visit to the meteorological institutions of the eastern United States and Canada, carried out in the autumn of 1907, and it has been published in the form of a handsome octavo pamphlet under the auspices of the German Ministry of the Interior.<sup>2</sup>

Numerous illustrations, as well as reproductions of weather maps, bulletins, etc., are included in the volume, which has appeared with remarkable expedition, considering the elaborate character of the report.

Doctor Polis visited the Weather Bureau stations at Atlantic City, Buffalo, Boston, New York, and Pittsburgh; the central office of the Meteorological Service of Canada, at Toronto; the meteorological observatory at McGill University, Montreal; Harvard University; the Blue Hill Observatory; and the research observatory of the Weather Bureau at Mount Weather; and finally spent a month at the Central Office of the Weather Bureau in Washington. Before sailing for Germany he attended the Aeronautical Congress in New York.

Doctor Polis's journey was undertaken especially with a view to obtaining suggestions useful to the new public weather service of Germany, of which he is an official.

A METEOROLOGICAL ALMANAC FROM BELGIUM.

M. Albert Bracke, of Mons, Belgium, is actively engaged in the "vulgarization" of meteorology (to use the French expression), by means of numerous and varied publications; viz., "La Revue Néphologique," a unique periodical devoted to the study of clouds; "Curiosités de l'Atmosphère," a series of brochures devoted to miscellaneous meteorological topics, of which eight numbers have appeared; "Publications de la Station Météorologique de Mogimont," devoted more especially to the investigation of Belgian thunderstorms; besides a great number of occasional publications. M. Bracke is, in fact, one of the most prolific writers in the domain of popular meteorology.

One of the latest enterprises of this writer is a meteorological almanac, published as an adjunct to the semi-monthly aeronautical publication, "La Conquête de l'Air," and known as "Almanach de la Conquête de l'Air," of which the volume for 1908 has recently been issued. This publication includes blank forms upon which the amateur meteorologist may record his observations from day to day; tables of daily normal temperatures for Brussels; the weather folk-lore of each month of the year; a chronicle of weather happenings in Europe during the preceding year (in the manner of the popular weather chronicles of our forefathers; a *genre* now rather too rare in meteorological literature); and numerous little articles on meteorological topics, of which we have space to mention only an illustrated account of Flammarion's private observatory at Juvisy.

A MODEL METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE IN SOUTH AMERICA.

An interesting exception to the general neglect of meteorology in South America is the state of São Paulo, in Brazil, which possesses an official meteorological service not inferior to the average of those of Europe, and a greater number of stations per unit area, as well as a much larger percentage provided with self-recording instruments, than even the well-known service of the Argentine Republic.

São Paulo is one of the richest of the Brazilian states and the greatest producer of coffee, exporting thru its chief port,

<sup>2</sup> Polis, P. *Der Wetterdienst und die Meteorologie in den Vereinigten Staaten von Amerika und in Canada. Studienreise unternommen im Auftrage des Kgl. Preuss. Ministers für Landwirtschaft, Domänen und Forsten.* Berlin: Verlagsbuchhandlung Paul Parey. 1908.

Santos, more coffee than any other district in the world. There is a large German population; a fact that probably accounts for the amount of attention paid here to meteorology and other sciences.

The meteorological service began in 1887 with two stations, and has steadily grown, thanks to the untiring efforts of its successive directors, Derby, Loefgren, and Belfort Mattos. The central office is at São Paulo, the capital of the state, and has a staff comprising a director, assistant director, and five meteorologists. The other stations are mainly in the charge of school teachers, telegraph officials and engineers, who are paid small stipends for their meteorological work. Observations are taken at 7 a. m., 2 p. m., and 9 p. m. Nearly half the stations are supplied with self-recording barometers, thermometers, anemometers, and rain gages of the latest pattern. Stations have not yet been established in the western part of the state, which is still a wilderness, inhabited mainly by Indians.

The climatic data collected by this service were utilized by E. L. Voss, a former official of the service, in the elaboration of his extensive work on the climate of the southern States of Brazil, as well as in his more recent work on the rainfall of South America; published as "Ergänzungshefte" Nos. 145 and 157, respectively, to Petermanns Geographische Mitteilungen (Gotha, 1903 and 1907).

The meteorological service of São Paulo is known officially as the "Meteorological Section of the Directory of Agriculture," having been transferred last year from the State Geographical and Geological Commission. In consequence of this transfer a new series of its quarterly bulletin, "Dados Climatológicos," has just begun.

NECROLOGY.

Lieut.-Col. R. L. J. Ellery, C. M. G., F. R. S., a well-known Australian meteorologist and astronomer, died January 16, 1908. Colonel Ellery was for many years director of the Melbourne observatory and government astronomer of Victoria, and as such the official head of meteorology in that colony. He was president of the Royal Society of Victoria for twenty-three years.

Alexander Faber, owner and publisher of a leading daily newspaper in Magdeburg, Germany, the Magdeburgische Zeitung, died February 2, 1908, in his sixty-fourth year. In connection with his paper he maintained, from 1880, a well-equipped meteorological observatory, known as the "Wetterwarte der Magdeburgischen Zeitung," issued daily weather maps, and fostered the organization of a meteorological society which established a network of meteorological stations throughout central Germany. The first director of the Magdeburg Observatory, Richard Assmann, now director of the Aeronautical Observatory at Lindenberg, contributes a notice of Faber to the February number of *Das Wetter*.

The founder and former director of the Meteorological Observatory of Zágráb (Agram), Hungary, Prof. Ivan Stozir, died on February 12.

Notices of the deaths of Albert Lancaster and Sir Richard Strachey appear above. As these notes go to press news is received of the death of the distinguished Anglo-Indian meteorologist, Sir John Eliot; an account of his life will appear in a later number of the REVIEW.

MR. THOMAS S. COLLINS.

Mr. Thomas S. Collins, Observer, Weather Bureau, died suddenly at Fort Smith, Ark., February 23, 1908. Mr. Collins was a member of the Service from 1872 until his death, with the exception of about a year in 1878-79, serving at some twenty stations, and was a faithful and efficient employee. He was a soldier in an Illinois regiment for three years during the Civil War.

STUDIES ON THE PHENOMENA OF THE EVAPORATION  
OF WATER OVER LAKES AND RESERVOIRS.

By Prof. FRANK H. BIGELOW.

[Read before the Philosophical Society of Washington, D. C., March 14, 1908.]

II.—THE OBSERVATIONS ON EVAPORATION MADE AT THE  
RESERVOIR IN RENO, NEVADA, AUGUST 1 TO SEPTEMBER  
15, 1907.<sup>1</sup>

The expedition to Reno, Nev., announced in the MONTHLY WEATHER REVIEW, July, 1907, to carry on some preliminary observations on the phenomena of evaporation, in preparation for the more extensive campaign at the Salton Sea, southern California, was successfully completed during the months of July, August, and September, 1907. I was accompanied by Mr. H. L. Heiskell from Washington, D. C., who assisted in the observations and the computations at Reno. We were associated with the following persons in the prosecution of the observations to whom the Weather Bureau is greatly indebted for their cooperation: Messrs. James W. Robeson, Edgar Pearson, J. F. Steffin, M. E. Jepson, Cedric Beebe, and Arthur Potthoff, as observers. Mr. H. O. Geren, local observer of the United States Weather Bureau, Prof. R. S. Minor and J. E. Church, Jr., of the University of the State of Nevada, aided us in many ways, Mr. L. T. Borden, contractor, constructed the towers, and the pans were made by the Nevada Company, many other citizens of the city of Reno rendering us important services, which are cordially appreciated. The climate of Reno proved to be admirably adapted to our purposes, the air being very dry, the nights cool, and the sun hot at midday, so that the diurnal curves were very pronounced in all the meteorological elements. No showers occurred till near the end of the work, and the observations were continued day and night without interruption for six full weeks, during which time 35,000 observations, including nearly 100,000 readings of our instruments, were secured.

The Reno Reservoir is double, having a central dike running thru it on which a tower could be placed, one part supplying the city of Reno and the other part the city of Sparks with water at a considerable pressure. The water for these reservoirs is diverted from the Truckee River, which is the outlet of Lake Tahoe, 6,250 feet above sea level in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. These sierras are from 9,000 to 12,000 feet high and cut off the moist westerly winds of the Pacific Ocean, leaving the region east of the mountains very dry in the summer time, when only westerly winds prevail. At Mount Rose, on the crest of these mountains, 15 miles from Reno, about 10,500 feet high, Professor Church is maintaining an observatory, where continuous records are being secured the year round, which promises to add important data for high-level meteorology. The State University and the Agricultural Experiment Station are supplying the funds, which ought, if practicable, to be increased in order to expand the work to larger proportions.

The plain of Reno, being sheltered from the west and lying 4,000 feet above sea level, is subjected in summer to a remarkably uniform system of diurnal variations of the wind direction and velocity. In the forenoon it is calm until about 10 o'clock, when a breeze begins in the southeast and gradually swings to the westward, increasing in strength up to 30 or 40 kilometers per hour on many afternoons. We thus found the same meteorological conditions nearly repeating themselves day by day, thus including evaporation under calms and under high winds. There were enough calm afternoons occurring to enable us to separate our observations into three groups, with the winds between 1-10, 10-20, 20-40 kilometers per hour, and so to study the effect of the wind on the evaporation in

an efficient manner. These local winds were caused by the drainage of cool air from the mountains down the Truckee River Valley, which extended due west from the Reno Reservoir.

Fig. 1 shows the dimensions of the double reservoirs and the location of the five towers, the line thru them running from east to west. Tower No. 1 is located in a very dry uncultivated field, and the vegetation had no influence upon the rate of evaporation. Tower No. 5 is situated in the midst of an extensive field of alfalfa, which was regularly irrigated every two weeks and kept moist enough to throw up a decided cover of vapor to the depth of several feet. A similar blanket of vapor covers the water of the reservoir, and the primary problem is to determine the rate of the evaporation from pans which are located at different points in this vapor blanket.

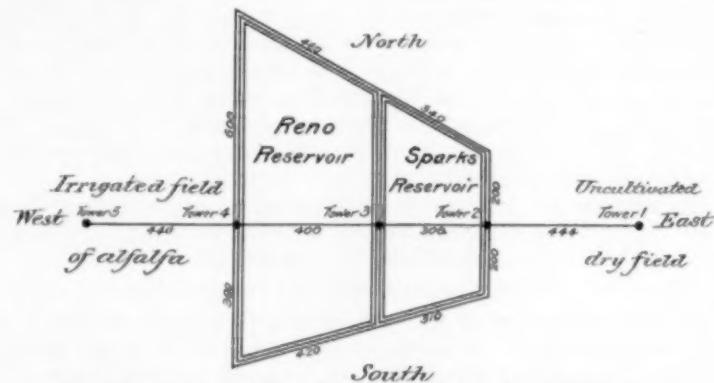


FIG. 1.—The location of five towers at the Reno Reservoir.

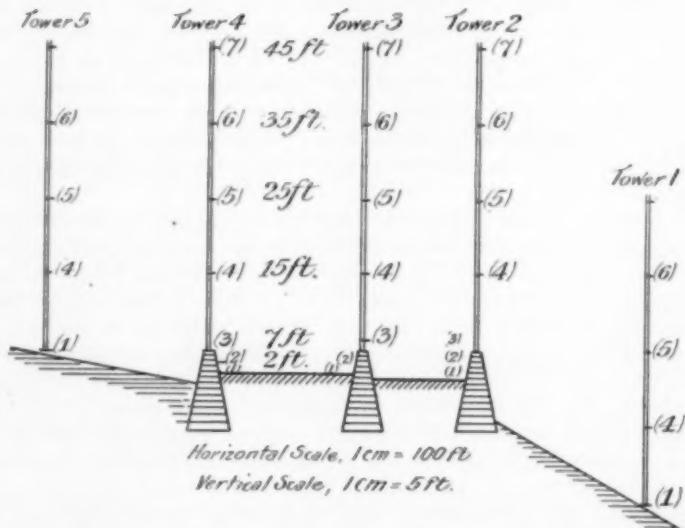


FIG. 2.—The location of the evaporation pans on the five towers.

Fig. 2 shows the location of the 29 pans which were operated during the campaign. There were 5 of the 6-foot pans, 10 inches deep, and 24 of the 2-foot pans employed; 3 of the 6-foot pans located in the water at the base of towers Nos. 2, 3, 4, and 2 of the 6-foot pans were placed on the ground at the foot of towers Nos. 1 and 5. The floating pans were surrounded by a framework of wood that stiffened them and acted as a buoy, and they were free to move within a barrier of floating breakwaters, two in succession, so that the inner spaces were freed from waves when the wind reached 20 kilometers per hour, after which there was more difficulty in keeping the spray out and the waves from surging under the breakwaters. It is not possible to float large pans in a lake which is subject to long waves and high winds, and at the Salton Sea no attempt will be made to float the pans. Instead

<sup>1</sup> For paper No. I see Monthly Weather Review, July, 1907, Vol. XXXV, p. 311-316.

of this method, the pans will be suspended near the water and raised or lowered according to the weather conditions. The small 2-foot pans were, also, 10 inches deep, and they were placed on platforms extending over the south side of the towers, so that the sun was free to shine upon them from morning till night. There were three intentional exceptions made in the location of the pans. On tower No. 3 pan 3 was placed against the outside of the lower section, which was boarded in and served as an office room, so that it received an excess of heat during the day; pans 4 and 5, on the contrary, were placed on the north side of their platforms so that they were shaded by the upper platforms from 9 a. m. till 3 p. m., and contrasted with pan 3, by receiving a smaller amount of heat. The effect was to raise the vapor pressure in pan 3 and lower it in pans 4 and 5, relatively to the other pans on the same towers. There was, however, very little effect on the rate of the evaporation from these pans. The pans 7 on the top of towers Nos. 1 and 5 were not put in place, because their record would be almost identical with that of pans 6 on these towers. The pans on towers Nos. 2, 3, 4, and 5 were very nearly on the same levels.

Pan No. 7 at 45 feet.	Pan No. 3 at 7 feet.
Pan No. 6 at 35 feet.	Pan No. 2 at 2 feet.
Pan No. 5 at 25 feet.	Pan No. 1 at 0 feet.
Pan No. 4 at 15 feet.	

The tower No. 1 was located on ground which was about 20 feet lower than the bank of the reservoir. The nature of the soil was such that the record for the evaporation would have been the same if it had been raised to the common level of the other towers. The pans 1, 2, and 3 of tower No. 2 were reached by a bridge 20 feet long leading to the crib, and they were well surrounded by the waters of the reservoir on all sides. The pans 1 and 2, of towers Nos. 3 and 4 were reached by platforms extending into the lake from the shore, to which they were lashed, and they rose and fell as the waters of the reservoir changed their levels from day to day, the range being thru several feet during the summer.

Fig. 3 shows tower No. 2, with some pans on the ground. The lower section was boarded and sheathed against the weather, and it was occupied day and night by the observer, Mr. J. W. Robeson, to whose faithful and efficient services much of the success of this work is due. The lower section of tower No. 3 was used as an office, and that of tower No. 4 as a camp for other observers who were on duty during the night.

Fig. 4 gives a general view of the five towers looking eastward from No. 5 in the alfalfa field, and fig. 5 shows towers Nos. 2 and 3, and a portion of the western reservoir which feeds the city of Reno, and especially the dike which enabled us to place a tower in the middle of the lake. The pans can be seen on the towers in the positions that have been described. Fig. 5 (a, b, c, d) give further details regarding the lower pans.

#### THE METHOD OF TAKING THE OBSERVATIONS.

The purpose for which the observations were planned was to discover, if possible, the immediate cause of the discrepancies which exist between the results of several excellent researches on the rate of evaporation in the open. These may be attributed to the adopted formulas, or to an actual difference in the rate of evaporation near the same body of water, as determined by the action of the vapor blanket which covers every lake. If large numbers of pans are placed at different points in this vapor cloud, and if they are precisely alike themselves, the method of observing being always uniform, then any difference in the observed rate at the different pans must be primarily a physical phenomenon to study, with the object of deriving a comprehensive general formula. The metric system of measurements were used thruout, because of its superior

advantages in the discussion of thermodynamic problems. An ordinary sling psychrometer, carrying wet and dry-bulb thermometers, was used to find the temperature and the dew-point of the air near the pans. A small raft was made, sustaining a water thermometer on the lower side, which was *just submerged beneath the surface of the water*, and on the upper side wet and dry-bulb thermometers floated about *one-half an inch above the water surface*. These instruments enabled us to obtain the temperature and the vapor pressure, (1) at the surface of the water, (2) at a plane one-half an inch above the water surface, and (3) in the free air that was blowing over the pans.

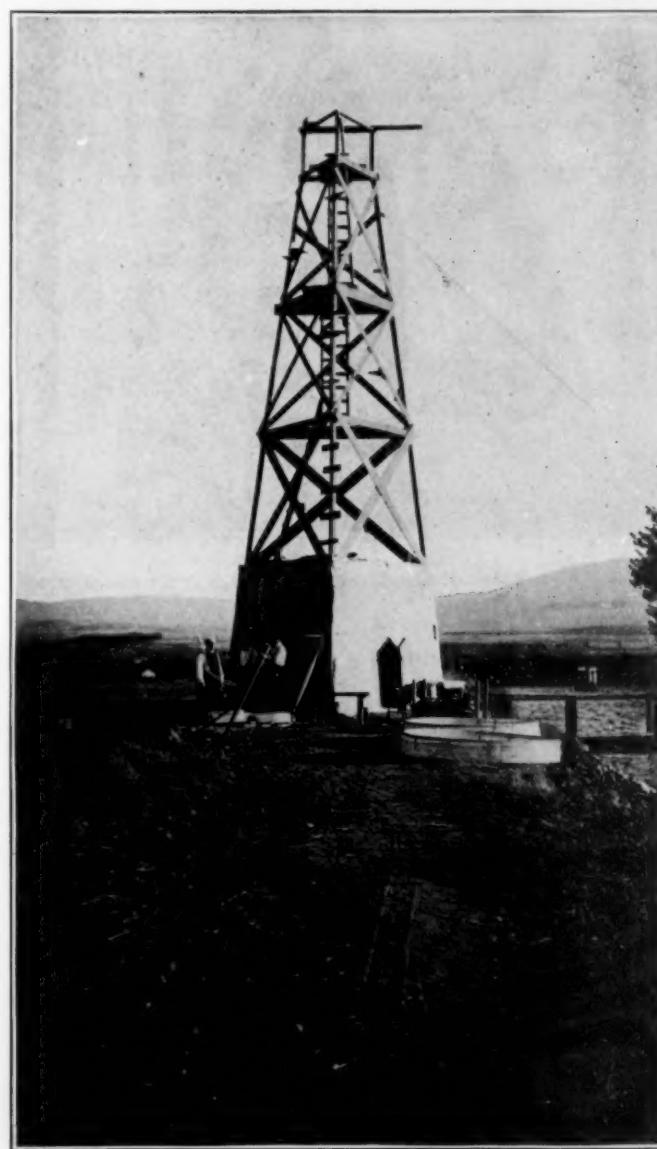


FIG. 3.—Tower No. 2, on the east bank of the reservoir, showing the landings for four pans, two of the 6-foot pans and several 2-foot pans on the ground near the tower. The towers are 40 feet high, built in a prism and guyed down with wire cables to withstand gusts of wind, as much as 40 miles per hour. The mountains on the right, looking south, include Mount Rose, about 16 miles distant.

To measure the depth of the water in the pans, the surface of which is always ruffled by the wind, we employed a glass tube graduated to cubic centimeters, the scale being nearly in millimeters, and the tube being drawn to a narrow neck at the bottom. A plunger consisting of a plug on a copper wire was fitted to move up and down with the finger as desired, which on being pressed down shut off all communication thru the bottom. Raising this to the level of the eye the top of

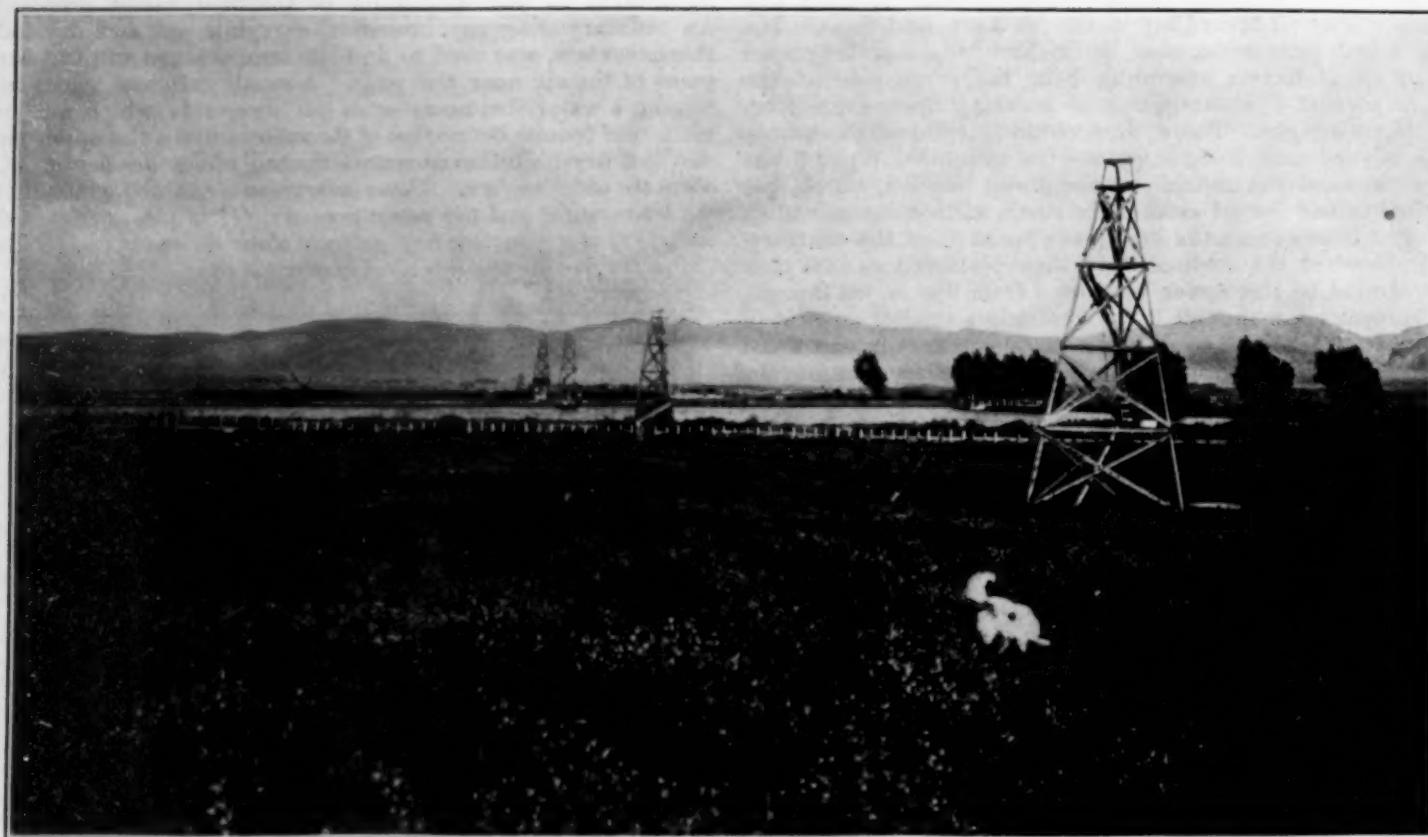


FIG. 4.—The location of the five towers for the evaporation pans. The distant tower is No. 1 to the east and the nearest is No. 5 to the west.

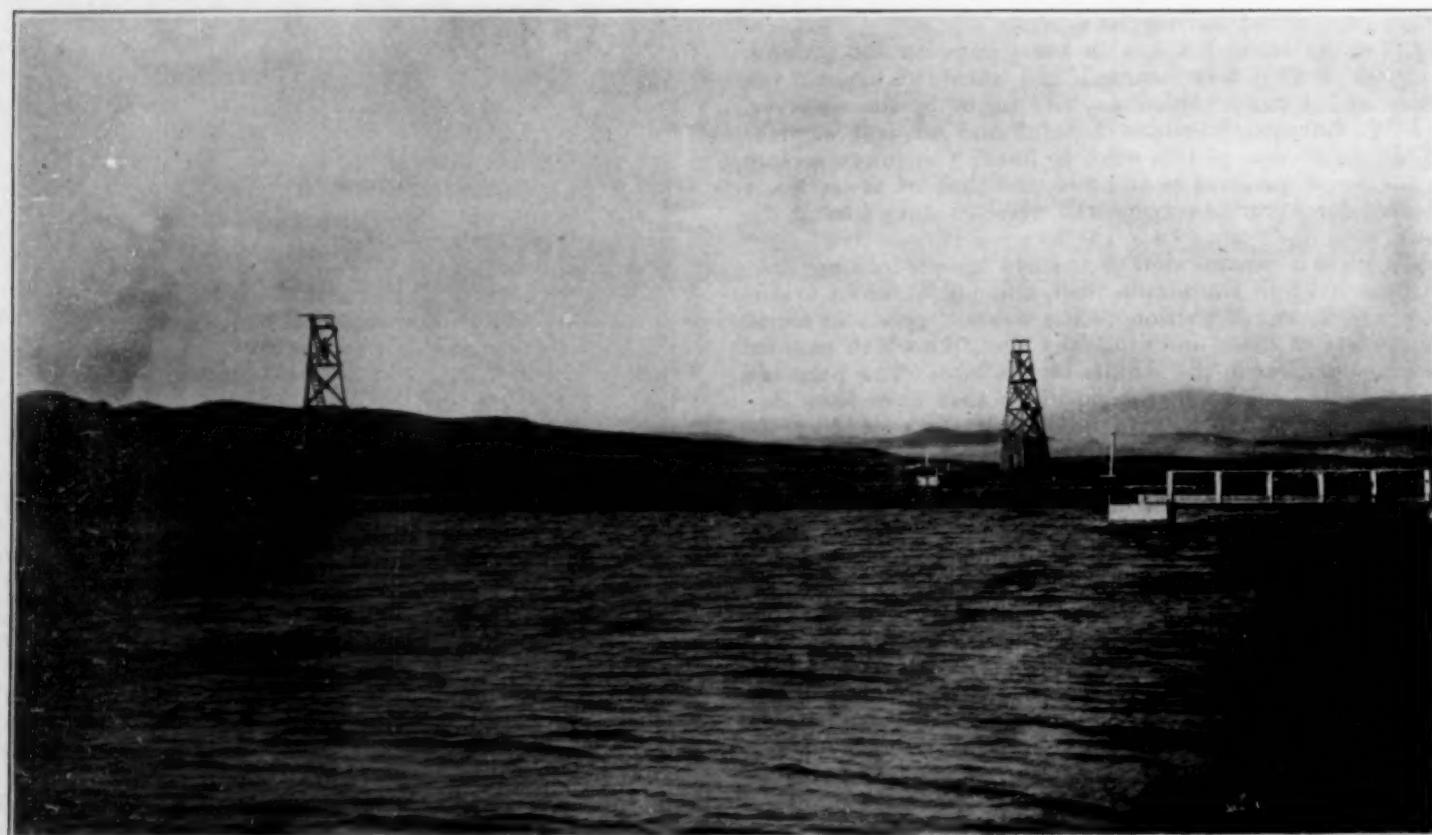


FIG. 5.—A portion of the Reno Reservoir, showing the central tower No. 3 and the tower No. 2. The crib at No. 2 was used to work three pans.

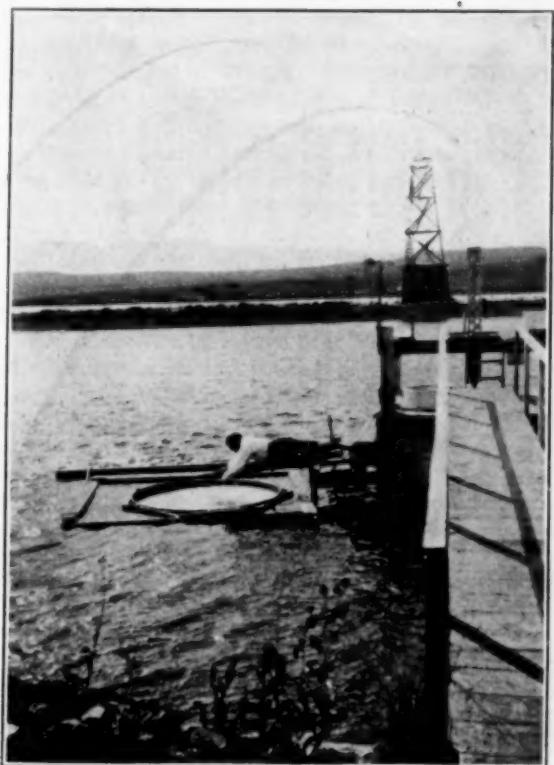


FIG. 5 a.—Pans at tower No. 2.



FIG. 5 c.—Pans at tower No. 1.



FIG. 5 b.—Pans at tower No. 2.

the meniscus of water was easily read off to a fraction of a millimeter on the vertical scale. No account was taken of the volume, but the scale was read from time to time at the same point in each pan, and the difference of height between readings measured the amount lost by the evaporation. The



FIG. 5 d.—Pans at tower No. 4.

readings were finally reduced to millimeters by a proper scale-factor, and the difference of readings for a given interval, as three hours, is a measure of the amount evaporated in the pan. The sling psychrometer, the raft with the three attached thermometers, the vertical scale tube, and a dish of water for wetting the rag on the sling psychrometer, were placed in a basket and carried from pan to pan on the same tower, so that we are now dealing in our final results with strictly differential values, there being thus no question of corrections to the absolute readings of the instruments.

TABLE 5.—*Reno Reservoir. Diurnal variation of the vapor pressure. August 1-10, 12-17, 1907.*

Pan.	Tower.	1 a.m.			5 a.m.			8 a.m.			11 a.m.			2 p.m.			5 p.m.			8 p.m.		
		$e_s$	$e_r$	$e_d$	$e_s$	$e_r$	$e_d$	$e_s$	$e_r$	$e_d$	$e_s$	$e_r$	$e_d$	$e_s$	$e_r$	$e_d$	$e_s$	$e_r$	$e_d$	$e_s$	$e_r$	$e_d$
7.	5.	11.3	8.2	6.6	10.0	6.9	6.2	14.3	8.8	6.8	21.2	9.3	6.8	19.5	8.1	6.4	16.6	7.6	5.8	14.6	7.1	6.1
	4.	11.8	8.3	6.3	11.0	9.4	6.5	16.6	11.8	7.3	24.5	11.4	7.1	24.4	8.7	6.4	18.2	7.1	6.1	14.0	8.3	5.7
	3.	12.4	9.0	7.2	10.5	8.5	6.5	15.6	10.1	6.8	20.7	9.0	6.7	19.6	9.3	6.0	16.8	8.5	6.3	12.6	7.2	5.8
	2.	13.0	7.4	4.7	10.7	7.8	5.5	15.0	11.9	7.7	21.8	11.3	7.5	24.9	9.5	6.4	19.8	8.3	6.5	15.0	7.2	5.9
	1.	12.3	8.0	6.3	10.6	8.1	6.3	15.1	9.9	6.9	18.8	10.1	6.5	18.9	8.7	6.3	16.0	8.4	6.1	13.2	8.2	6.9
	Means.	11.8	8.2	6.1	10.4	8.1	6.2	15.4	10.7	7.1	21.6	10.8	6.7	22.0	8.9	6.5	17.6	8.1	6.1	14.2	7.8	6.0
6.	5.	11.5	7.9	6.0	10.2	7.1	6.4	18.1	11.8	7.6	22.9	9.9	6.9	20.5	8.8	6.3	17.3	7.9	6.0	15.2	7.2	6.1
	4.	11.8	8.9	6.6	10.7	8.5	6.3	16.1	11.9	7.9	24.1	12.1	7.2	25.7	8.8	6.5	18.9	7.6	6.1	14.1	7.7	5.7
	3.	12.3	9.3	7.0	10.2	7.5	6.5	15.0	10.9	7.2	20.3	9.3	6.6	19.5	8.8	6.3	16.6	8.0	6.1	12.9	7.5	5.8
	2.	13.0	7.1	4.8	10.8	7.7	5.6	14.2	10.1	7.6	21.7	10.5	7.9	24.9	9.4	6.5	19.7	7.0	6.1	14.8	7.3	5.5
	1.	12.3	8.2	6.5	9.8	8.0	6.2	14.5	9.7	6.9	18.9	9.9	6.5	19.3	8.3	6.4	16.2	8.1	6.3	12.4	7.9	6.0
	Means.	11.7	8.3	6.1	10.2	7.7	6.2	14.9	10.2	6.9	21.5	10.5	6.8	22.2	9.0	6.3	17.8	7.9	5.9	14.3	7.8	5.8
5.	5.	11.2	7.7	6.6	9.6	6.9	6.4	17.6	11.4	7.9	23.6	12.1	8.0	24.3	8.7	7.0	18.0	7.4	6.8	15.3	7.8	6.2
	4.	11.8	8.0	6.8	10.6	8.2	7.0	15.8	10.8	7.7	25.6	12.2	7.3	26.0	10.5	6.6	18.9	7.9	6.2	14.2	7.5	5.9
	3.	12.2	7.8	7.2	10.3	8.3	6.4	13.8	9.7	7.1	15.2	7.6	6.6	18.1	9.4	6.3	17.0	9.0	6.0	13.3	7.6	5.9
	2.	12.7	5.5	5.2	10.5	8.1	5.9	13.2	9.8	6.1	16.7	7.2	6.9	21.8	8.9	7.5	19.7	7.0	6.2	15.1	7.6	5.9
	1.	12.3	7.2	7.2	9.8	7.9	6.2	14.3	10.0	7.2	18.4	10.1	6.4	19.6	8.7	6.5	16.5	8.0	6.2	13.3	7.5	5.7
	Means.	11.7	7.3	6.5	10.2	7.8	6.2	14.3	10.1	7.0	20.1	10.0	6.8	22.1	9.1	6.5	18.3	9.4	6.1	14.7	7.7	5.9
4.	5.	11.2	8.0	7.2	9.4	7.2	6.4	17.3	12.0	8.4	23.6	12.6	9.0	25.8	9.9	7.1	18.8	7.4	6.1	16.2	7.3	6.2
	4.	11.5	7.2	6.9	10.5	7.9	6.6	14.8	11.8	8.2	23.7	12.6	7.5	27.3	9.9	7.1	19.5	8.2	6.4	14.7	7.2	5.9
	3.	12.7	8.2	7.4	10.4	8.6	6.5	14.1	9.8	8.0	16.1	7.6	6.7	18.8	9.5	6.2	18.1	8.9	6.4	14.1	7.9	6.3
	2.	12.3	7.5	6.8	10.5	8.0	6.2	12.6	9.9	7.3	16.0	8.5	7.8	23.1	8.9	8.0	20.7	8.7	7.0	16.0	7.5	6.3
	1.	12.3	8.0	7.0	9.8	7.8	6.5	13.7	10.4	7.2	18.2	9.2	6.7	20.7	9.2	6.7	17.6	9.1	6.5	13.9	8.0	6.0
	Means.	11.9	7.9	6.7	10.1	7.9	6.4	14.0	9.1	7.6	20.2	10.2	7.1	23.2	9.4	6.7	19.2	8.7	6.5	15.4	7.8	6.1
3.	5.	11.7	7.7	7.5	9.9	7.3	6.7	12.8	9.0	7.9	19.4	9.0	9.1	19.8	8.6	7.6	20.1	9.9	6.9	16.7	7.6	5.9
	4.	12.2	7.6	6.9	10.7	7.6	6.7	11.4	10.0	9.1	21.9	9.8	9.1	21.3	10.4	8.5	20.5	7.8	7.5	15.4	7.1	5.9
	3.	13.0	8.2	8.2	10.5	8.8	6.9	15.2	11.0	7.6	19.7	10.5	7.5	23.3	11.5	7.1	19.6	9.6	6.9	14.6	8.8	7.2
	2.	12.8	9.4	7.7	10.0	7.9	6.4	14.0	10.9	7.4	22.7	12.6	8.2	29.8	11.9	9.3	23.8	9.6	8.1	17.6	8.5	6.7
	1.	10.4	8.8	6.1	10.1	7.8	5.9	13.9	9.6	7.8	17.8	9.5	6.9	21.2	9.4	6.5	18.1	8.8	6.4	14.2	8.6	6.4
	Means.	12.5	8.5	7.2	10.4	7.9	6.5	13.3	10.2	7.7	20.3	10.2	7.8	23.5	10.3	7.8	20.4	9.3	7.2	15.9	8.3	6.4
2.	5.	11.9	8.7	8.2	11.1	7.5	7.1	14.0	9.5	7.6	22.5	11.0	8.6	23.8	9.9	7.2	21.8	11.0	7.3	17.6	8.7	6.0
	4.	12.6	8.9	7.8	11.2	8.7	7.4	14.9	12.9	8.2	22.8	13.6	7.6	25.6	11.4	7.9	23.6	10.0	7.8	16.6	8.1	6.5
	3.	14.5	8.9	8.1	10.6	7.9	7.0	12.6	9.1	7.6	18.4	11.3	7.9	23.3	13.0	7.2	22.1	10.3	7.5	17.2	8.6	6.6
	2.	13.1	9.5	7.4	11.7	8.0	6.7	10.8	8.9	7.8	19.8	10.7	8.4	26.4	12.4	9.0	24.8	10.6	8.3	12.0	8.5	7.3
	1.	10.6	8.7	6.8	10.3	8.3	6.1	12.8	11.8	7.7	19.0	10.3	6.7	25.5	9.4	7.8	19.9	9.8	7.3	16.7	8.4	6.6
	Means.	12.7	8.6	7.6	10.7	8.1	6.9	13.0	10.8	7.7	19.9	11.3	7.7	24.3	12.7	7.8	21.8	10.2	7.6	16.8	8.6	6.6
1.	5.	15.6	9.4	8.5	14.1	8.3	7.1	16.1	11.1	9.4	29.8	12.1	9.8	18.9	10.5	8.1	16.9	10.3	7.5	15.2	10.1	6.3
	4.	13.9	10.4	8.1	15.3	9.5	7.6	16.4	12.1	8.6	20.9	12.9	8.5	20.0	12.5	8.4	18.1	10.3	8.1	14.4	8.3	6.9
	3.	15.4	11.0	11.0	14.2	9.6	7.5	14.5	9.7	8.0	18.2	12.2	8.4	21.7	14.3	9.4	18.4	11.8	8.7	15.0	10.2	7.8
	2.	14.4	9.5	8.8	13.9	9.9	6.8	15.8	11.2	7.6	1											

The centigrade thermometers were kindly loaned to the expedition by Prof. R. S. Minor, Physicist of the University of Nevada, and the tubes were purchased in Reno. The anemometers were furnished by the Instrument Division of the Weather Bureau, having been adapted by Prof. C. F. Marvin to read in kilometers per hour. One anemometer was read continuously throughout the interval August 1 to September 14, and a special series of readings were taken with 13 anemometers by Mr. Robeson from September 21 to October 6, inclusive, at 8 and 11 a. m., and 2 and 5 p. m. These anemometers were distributed at the bottom and top of the towers Nos. 1, 4, and 5, while No. 3 had three instruments and No. 2 had four instruments. The differential action from the bottom to the top of the towers was thus reduced to a simple formula, which will be discussed in the following paper of this series. The hours of observation were as nearly as possible 1, 5, 8, and 11 a. m., 2, 5, and 8 p. m. for all the towers, except that at 1 a. m. the towers Nos. 1 and 5 were omitted and on tower No. 2 the readings were made Monday and Thursday nights, on tower No. 3 Tuesday and Friday nights, and on tower No. No. 4 Wednesday and Saturday nights. The pans were filled about 10 o'clock every forenoon. The order of the readings at each tower was kept identical, so that the time elapsed was not very different from day to day, a record being made of the hour and minute of beginning and ending at each tower. It took from 40 to 70 minutes to read all the instruments at the seven pans on each of the middle towers, Nos. 2, 3, and 4, according to circumstances, and in nearly all cases the thermometers were read three times at each pan, as well as the tube for height, in order to insure accurate mean values. The labor of climbing the towers seven times daily and making the observations in the wind, which at times was more than 40 kilometers per hour, was not inconsiderable, and the observers are entitled to much praise for their patience and fidelity in executing this routine. No personal accidents occurred to the observers, the several thermometers were broken during the summer. The result is that we now possess a large number of strictly differential values of the evaporation in the midst of meteorological conditions which characterize the lower layers of air and vapor, as they are superposed upon a body of water evaporating in a very dry climate where the wind factor is also very conspicuous.

THE TABLES OF VAPOR PRESSURE AND EVAPORATION AT THE RENO RESERVOIR AUGUST 1-10, 12-17, 1907.

The weekly summaries of the values of the vapor pressure and the evaporation are found in Tables 5 and 6. They are arranged to show these data for each pan on each tower for each week separately and for the seven hours of observation. From the dry-bulb temperature  $t$  and the wet-bulb temperature  $t_1$ , the vapor pressure was found by a special table, computed for the elevation of Reno, where the average barometric pressure is  $B=645$  mm., using the formula,

$$(27) \quad e = e_0 - 0.00066 B (t - t_1) \left( 1 + \frac{t_1}{873} \right).$$

This formula differs somewhat from the one commonly found in psychrometric tables, where the full formula is slightly modified for the sake of convenience in computing. With the arguments  $t_1$  (wet) and  $t - t_1$  (dry-wet) the vapor pressure  $e$  is taken out. This table serves for the sling psychrometer and the floating psychrometer on the small raft. The vapor pressure of saturation at the temperature of the water gives a third value of the vapor pressure. As arranged on Table 5, there is found under each hour the mean weekly value of these three vapor pressures:

$e_s$  = the vapor pressure at the temperature of the water;  
 $e_r$  = the vapor pressure of the air one-half an inch above the water;  
 $e_d$  = the vapor pressure of the air at the dewpoint temperature.

TABLE 6.—*Reno Reservoir. Diurnal variation of the evaporation.*  
August 1-10, 12-17, 1907.

Pan.	Tower.	8 p.m. to 1 a.m.	1 a.m. to 5 a.m.	5 a.m. to 8 a.m.	8 a.m. to 11 a.m.	11 a.m. to 2 p.m.	2 p.m. to 5 p.m.	5 p.m. to 8 p.m.	Total.
7....	5....								
	4....	.207	.248	.190	.273	.395	.375	.295	1.983
	3....	.159	.147	.204	.249	.388	.475	.393	2.015
	2....	.239	.225	.161	.170	.413	.388	.328	1.944
	1....	.173	.130	.176	.207	.388	.332	.303	1.709
	Means....	.197	.189	.180	.293	.513	.440	.251	2.072
	2....	.132	.130	.203	.351	.516	.437	.234	1.983
	1....								
	Means....	.188	.178	.187	.253	.455	.407	.300	1.951
6....	5....	.176	.193	.194	.294	.397	.293	.155	1.702
	4....	.139	.128	.184	.207	.356	.278	.217	1.509
	3....	.215	.228	.181	.217	.449	.264	.284	1.838
	2....	.145	.137	.184	.261	.346	.337	.337	1.747
	1....	.265	.251	.170	.202	.367	.345	.226	1.828
	Means....	.173	.158	.190	.176	.488	.400	.383	1.908
	2....	.200	.167	.189	.259	.533	.471	.228	2.047
	1....	.121	.107	.234	.331	.502	.406	.282	1.983
	Means....	.099	.082	.141	.312	.464	.446	.234	1.778
	5....	.169	.161	.178	.251	.493	.360	.201	1.811
5....	5....	.155	.194	.172	.258	.379	.259	.155	1.572
	4....	.145	.155	.207	.161	.346	.371	.195	1.580
	3....	.190	.176	.139	.207	.288	.253	.230	1.483
	2....	.118	.112	.149	.116	.346	.311	.379	1.531
	1....	.251	.236	.150	.256	.323	.340	.228	1.784
	Means....	.161	.144	.130	.193	.325	.449	.325	1.727
	2....	.175	.171	.197	.240	.460	.491	.262	1.996
	1....	.121	.119	.267	.361	.502	.392	.172	1.934
	Means....	.085	.088	.127	.366	.446	.375	.212	1.699
	5....	.155	.155	.159	.240	.379	.360	.239	1.701
4....	5....	.145	.182	.190	.226	.362	.207	.139	1.451
	4....	.139	.155	.149	.184	.311	.333	.207	1.478
	3....	.166	.166	.126	.221	.242	.275	.230	1.396
	2....	.124	.112	.104	.058	.242	.265	.379	1.284
	1....	.202	.172	.127	.170	.382	.395	.167	1.615
	Means....	.127	.058	.112	.130	.293	.351	.403	1.474
	2....	.164	.155	.232	.259	.298	.406	.197	1.731
	1....	.113	.129	.220	.330	.423	.375	.220	1.810
	Means....	.079	.096	.093	.141	.541	.375	.175	1.560
	5....	.139	.136	.152	.191	.343	.331	.235	1.526
3....	5....								
	4....	.162	.221	.161	.177	.265	.242	.207	1.435
	3....	.189	.134	.116	.158	.219	.265	.311	1.392
	2....	.173	.135	.118	.213	.360	.288	.258	1.545
	1....	.070	.101	.161	.225	.271	.320	.266	1.414
	Means....	.133	.149	.220	.197	.282	.293	.209	1.483
	2....	.104	.119	.189	.299	.384	.344	.141	1.580
	5....	.138	.143	.160	.211	.296	.292	.236	1.475
2....	5....								
	4....	.124	.104	.116	.207	.288	.127	.239	1.205
	3....	.083	.060	.079	.158	.216	.175	.245	1.016
	2....	.181	.204	.115	.160	.270	.165	.172	1.257
	1....	.058	.086	.112	.193	.144	.239	.188	1.020
	Means....	.149	.133	.120	.124	.298	.224	.182	1.230
	2....	.113	.141	.163	.234	.230	.251	.169	1.241
	5....	.118	.121	.108	.178	.241	.197	.198	1.162
1....	5....	.114	.104	.139	.207	.311	.172	.139	1.286
	4....	.124	.104	.161	.139	.149	.288	.139	1.104
	3....	.091	.031	.126	.188	.159	.139	.0873	
	2....	.071	.068	.126	.080	.126	.184	.116	0.771
	1....	.040	.055	.038	.127	.144	.193	.060	0.677
	Means....	.092	.072	.176	.172	.176	.127	.130	0.945
	2....	.136	.116	.175	.200	.324	.382	.234	1.467
	1....	.093	.119	.214	.220	.299	.234	.172	1.351
	5....	.093	.062	.152	.200	.475	.371	.223	1.476
	Means....	.095	.081	.137	.170	.240	.221	.180	1.115

The unit = 1.000 centimeters in height.

On tower No. 1 the readings for the first week were not secured because it was not finished. The pans on towers Nos. 5 and 1 were not read during the night, but they would show very little difference from those on the other towers during the nighttime, when the air was cool. We possess similar tables of the vapor pressure and the evaporation for the other four weeks, as well as the corresponding tempera-

ture tables, but those which are here presented illustrate sufficiently their general appearance, and from them the main features of the phenomenon can be readily learned. The original tables which give the results day by day show how steady the climate of Reno is during the summer months, and how favorable the conditions were for bringing to light the subtle physical conditions under which the evaporation takes place, and to which it responds with remarkable sensitiveness. We are concerned in this paper simply with the action of the evaporation at the several towers and at different heights above the water. In the following paper of this series we shall discuss the diurnal variation and the formula which seems to be competent to eliminate the diurnal changes of rate of the evaporation.

Table 5 is transferred to figs. 6-12, where the characteristics of the vapor pressure are shown every three hours on six pans at the five towers. On figs. 9 and 10, at tower No. 3, pan 3, will be noted the excess of  $e_s$ , due to an overheating of the water in the pans, and at pans 4 and 5 a defect due to shading the pans, as stated above. The vapor pressure at the surface of the water  $e_s$  ranges thru wide limits, 12 to 24 mm., while the vapor pressure of the air very near the water  $e_r$  and in the air somewhat free from the water ranges very little during the day,  $e_r$  changing between 7 and 12 mm., while the vapor pressure of the air  $e_d$  ranges from 6 to 9 mm. The courses of  $e_r$  and  $e_d$  are nearly parallel thruout the day at all the towers, the spaces widening somewhat in the heat of the day as compared with the night. Table 6 is transferred to figs. 13-20, where the characteristics of the evaporation are shown from hour to hour at the seven pans on each tower. It was necessary to interpolate values on towers Nos. 1 and 5 at the pans 2, 3, and 7, but it is evident that this can properly be done under the circumstances. The increase of the evaporation from 5 a. m. to 2 p. m. is strikingly illustrated, and also the facts that the evaporation is less in the middle of the lake than at the side towers, also less than in the upper pans. The lower pan of tower No. 5 in the moist alfalfa field is less than at tower No. 1 in the dry field, so that the irrigated field partakes of the nature of an imperfect water surface. A study of these tables and diagrams and the evident necessary inferences are very interesting. They show clearly that the location of the pans relative to the water of a reservoir is of primary importance in measuring the total amount of evaporation, and that observations on a pan away from the water can not be transferred to the water surface itself except with the utmost caution.

### III.—DISCUSSION OF THE OBSERVATIONS MADE AT RENO, NEV., AUGUST 1 TO SEPTEMBER 15, 1907.

#### THE METEOROLOGICAL DATA.

The observations on the five towers erected at the Reno Reservoir afford an unusual opportunity to study the variations of the temperatures of the water, the air above the water, the vapor pressures, the wind velocities, and the evaporation, as functions of the height up to about 50 feet. These are valuable for meteorologists generally because they have an application to the questions of the exposures of the instruments at different levels. No attempts were made to use shelters of any sort, the psychrometers being swung vigorously in the free air, the motion being sufficient to eliminate the direct solar radiation, as was found by some comparative experiments. The thermometers on the raft were so close to the water surface as to be controlled by it, one being submerged, another being attached by a moistened rag hanging in the water, and the dry thermometer lying in the vapor of the evaporating water, from which there is no reflected heat. In discussing the subject of evaporation it is of first importance to separate out the effect of the wind velocity, and next it is necessary to find a function that will eliminate the diurnal variation, there being left a third function which depends upon diffusion in a quiet atmos-

phere at a given temperature. In order to measure the wind velocity the ordinary Robinson anemometers of the Weather Bureau pattern, reading on the dials in miles per hour, were transformed by a device of Prof. C. F. Marvin to read in kilometers per hour on the same dials. During the time which elapsed before these instruments were delivered a standard anemometer in miles per hour was read near the bottom of tower No. 2, at pan 3, thruout the observations. Afterwards the twelve new anemometers in kilometers per hour were added and distributed up and down the towers, two on No. 1, three on No. 2, three on No. 3, two on No. 4, two on No. 5, besides the English anemometer. During the interval of these special wind observations the number of those at the high velocities was not very great, but the evidence from the three anemometers on each of towers Nos. 2 and 3 is that a straight line, inclined at different angles, may be used to connect the velocity at the bottom with the velocity at the top of the tower. The result of the discussion is shown on figs. 21 and 22. A given wind velocity at the bottom is accompanied on the average by a different wind velocity at the top as indicated on fig. 21. If the differences between the wind at the top and the wind at the bottom,  $\Delta v$ , be taken and plotted as ordinates to the wind velocity at the bottom, the points appear on fig. 22 near the line marked pan 7 at the top of the tower. It is nearly a straight line, making an angle  $\alpha = 22^\circ 20'$  with the base. The precepts leading to the general formula,

$$(28) \quad v_1 = v + 0.410 \frac{h}{h_0} v,$$

are given in fig. 22, where  $v$  is the velocity at the bottom,  $h$  the height of the pan and  $h_0$  the height of the tower,  $v_1$  the required velocity at a given pan. Practically the mean velocities of the English anemometer were obtained separately for the six weeks of the observations. The special metric anemometer readings were sorted into groups for each tower for winds between the limits: 0-5, 5-10, 10-15, . . . 45-50 kilometers per hour at the bottom, middle, and top of the towers, and plotted on diagrams. Mean sloping lines were drawn individually and then intermediate lines from the velocities at the bottom, 0, 5, 10, . . . 40, 45. The readings at the top were scaled from the diagrams and they are given in Table 7, increase in the wind velocity from bottom to top of the tower, the bottom meaning the water surface for towers Nos. 2, 3, and 4, and the ground for Nos. 1 and 5.

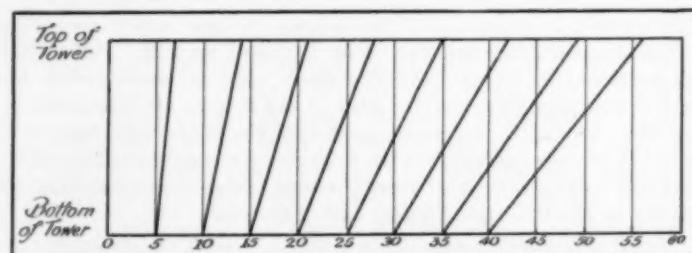


FIG. 21.—Wind velocities at bottom and top of towers, kil./hour.

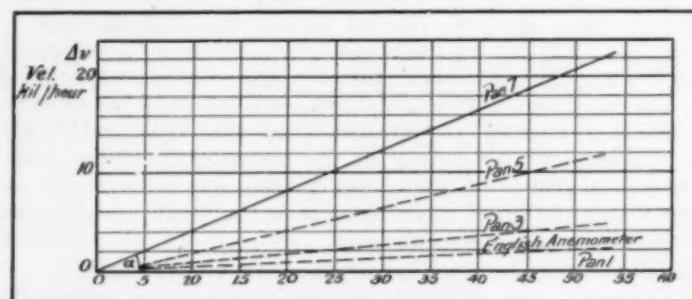


FIG. 22.—The vertical ordinate gives the increase of the wind velocity at the higher point over that at the lower point.

$v$  = velocity at the bottom of the tower.

$v_1$  = velocity at the higher point.

$v_1 = v + v \tan a = v (1 + \tan a)$ .

For the top of the tower, pan 7,  $a = 22^\circ 20'$

$$v_1 = v + v \tan 22^\circ 20' = v (1 + 0.41) = 1.41 v.$$

The velocity of the English anemometer is transferred to other heights, pan 1, pan 3, pan 5, pan 7, by adding the proper ordinates from this diagram.

*General formula.*

$$v_1 = v + 0.41 \frac{h}{h_0} v, \text{ where}$$

$h_0$  = height of the tower and

$h$  = height of the pan.

TABLE 7.—*Increase in the wind velocity from the base to the top of the towers.*  
 $v$  = velocity in kilometers per hour.

Tower.	Base.	Top.	Base.	Top.	Base.	Top.	Base.	Top.
No. 1.....	5.0	6.7	10.0	13.6	15.0	21.4	20.0	28.7
No. 2.....	8.3	15.0	21.2	28.4	36.1	36.1	36.1	36.1
No. 3.....	6.6	11.6	18.1	26.2	32.7	32.7	32.7	32.7
No. 4.....	7.4	13.8	21.2	29.3	37.8	37.8	37.8	37.8
No. 5.....	7.0	13.8	20.9	28.0	35.2	35.2	35.2	35.2
$v$ .....	5.0	7.20	10.0	13.56	15.0	20.56	20.0	28.12
$\Delta v$ .....		2.20		3.56		5.56	8.12	10.48
Tower.	Base.	Top.	Base.	Top.	Base.	Top.	Base.	Top.
No. 1.....	30.0	41.6	35.0	46.5	40.0	52.7	45.0	58.8
No. 2.....	44.6	52.4	60.8	66.8	62.3	62.3	62.3	62.3
No. 3.....	39.0	46.7	54.5	60.9	62.3	62.3	62.3	62.3
No. 4.....	45.3	52.5	60.9	66.3	62.3	62.3	62.3	62.3
No. 5.....	41.8	48.5	56.3	62.3	62.3	62.3	62.3	62.3
$v$ .....	30.0	42.46	35.0	49.32	40.0	57.04	45.0	60.55
$\Delta v$ .....		12.46		14.32		17.04	15.55	

The differences in the wind velocity  $\Delta v$  are plotted near the line pan 7 in fig. 22.

The entire system of meteorological data has been sorted out into three groups, namely, those in which the wind velocity at the pan 1 lies between the limits 1-10, 10-20, 20-40 kilometers per hour. The wind values for these groups at each of the pans 1, 3, 5, and 7 have been computed, that is, the average wind for the actual hours of the observations from August 1 to September 15, with the result that the following wind velocities have been used in the reduction of the observations, after smooth lines have been drawn thru the diurnal variations. The mean values for the three-hour intervals have been employed, for the sake of the integration of the evaporation.

TABLE 8.—*Mean wind velocities at the pans 1, 3, 5, and 7 for the three-hour intervals ending with the given hour.*

PAN 7.								
Wind.	2 a	5 a	8 a	11 a	2 p	5 p	8 p	11 p
1-10 $w_1$ .....	3	2	3	5	7	8	6	3
10-20 $w_2$ .....	18	17	19	21	22	22	21	19
20-40 $w_3$ .....	32	31	31	34	37	38	37	34
PAN 5.								
Wind.	2 a	5 a	8 a	11 a	2 p	5 p	8 p	11 p
1-10 $w_1$ .....	2	2	3	4	6	7	5	3
10-20 $w_2$ .....	16	15	17	19	20	20	19	17
20-40 $w_3$ .....	28	27	27	30	33	33	32	30
PAN 3.								
Wind.	2 a	5 a	8 a	11 a	2 p	5 p	8 p	11 p
1-10 $w_1$ .....	2	2	2	4	5	6	4	3
10-20 $w_2$ .....	14	13	15	17	18	17	16	15
20-40 $w_3$ .....	24	23	23	26	28	29	27	25
PAN 1.								
Wind.	2 a	5 a	8 a	11 a	2 p	5 p	8 p	11 p
1-10 $w_1$ .....	3	1	2	4	6	6	4	2
10-20 $w_2$ .....	18	13	14	16	17	17	15	14
20-40 $w_3$ .....	22	21	22	25	27	28	26	24

In spite of the fact that the number of observations is large, yet when they are distributed into these three groups of wind velocities, and they are to be carried thru the eight groups of three-hour intervals for the twenty-four hours of the day, in order to discuss the diurnal period, there is a failure of observations during the night and morning hours, while the data are quite reliable during the afternoon hours. It has been necessary to control the actual observations by the construction of diurnal curves of all the elements, in order to secure approximate mean values. Since the purpose of this research was to obtain a formula for further observations, and some general views regarding the subject of evaporation itself, it was thought proper to proceed in this manner. When one branch of a single-period diurnal curve is well defined, as from 11 a. m. to 8 p. m., it is easy to extend it to cover the twenty-four hours, provided the 5 a. m. or minimum point can be determined. We had sufficient observations for this purpose, and so have conducted the discussion of the observations in this way. It may be remarked in passing that the three-hour amounts of evaporation at pans 1, 3, 5, and 7 on the five towers were plotted in two ways in succession under the three wind groups, in order that the observations might mutually adjust themselves over the gaps where the number of them is not adequate. (1) The four evaporation for the several pans were *first grouped under the three wind velocities 1-10, 10-20, 20-40*, the curves being drawn by the observations which were rather irregular, except for the low wind velocity, 1-10, where the number of the observations is great. (2) Then these curves were re-collected so that the *three wind groups appear under each pan*, as on the diagrams of figs. 23-27. This method of double plotting of curves and mutual adjustment is very efficient in dealing with insufficient data.

It is quite impracticable to reproduce the original data in this paper, on account of its bulk, nor is it possible to describe the numerous tentative attempts to discover a formula which seems to be capable of accounting for the numerous variations. We shall proceed at once to the finished product so far as the data are concerned, and make only a few remarks regarding the preliminary formulas. Tables 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13, contain the dry-bulb temperature  $t$ , the temperature of the surface of the water  $S$ , the vapor pressure  $e$  of the air computed from the table with the arguments  $t$ , the wet-bulb temperature, and  $t-t_1$ , and the evaporation  $E$  for every three successive hours throughout the day. The data given in these tables were scaled from the diurnal curves which have been constructed as stated, and the curves may be readily reproduced for study. Under each element  $t$ ,  $S$ ,  $e$ ,  $E$  are given separately the results for each of the wind groups, 1-10, 10-20, 20-40, the sorting being now carried, not to individual days when these winds prevailed, but to individual hours. Since the high winds occurred chiefly in the afternoon, it gave much more data for the hours noon to midnight than for the hours midnight to noon. This lack of balance made the discussion of the observations rather difficult, and will justify a longer campaign in the Salton Sink, extending over several years. On figs. 23, 24, 25, 26, and 27 are given the evaporation curves corresponding with the data on Tables 9-13, and they are also the direct results of the formula that has been adopted.

A comparison of these data with the original rough data shows that the computed results represent the observations as well as practicable, except possibly at the 8 p. m. ordinate, which seems rather large. The evaporation may be found to drop more rapidly than the formula permits without a minor correction. This difficulty may disappear as the result of a better determination of the evaporation curves. On plotting the temperature curves together,  $t$ ,  $S$ , as in fig. 28 for tower No. 1, it is seen that the temperature of the pans on the

TABLE 9.—Tower No. 1, in dry field east of reservoir. Meteorological data.  
PAN 1.

Symbol	Wind.	A. M.				P. M.				Mean	Hour of mean ordinate.
		2	5	8	11	2	5	8	11		
f.....	0-10	12.3	11.6	16.0	23.0	25.6	23.4	18.1	15.0	18.1	a. m. p. m.
	10-20	14.8	14.4	20.0	25.7	27.5	23.4	16.8	16.0	19.8	
	20-40	16.2	16.6	20.8	24.3	27.5	26.0	19.5	17.2	21.0	
S.....	0-10	11.5	10.3	12.1	18.4	24.6	24.3	20.2	15.1	17.1	a. m. p. m.
	10-20	15.7	15.7	17.0	21.0	24.9	22.0	17.8	16.4	18.8	
	20-40	15.0	14.9	16.4	20.3	24.0	20.9	17.3	15.8	18.1	
e.....	0-10	5.6	6.0	6.8	6.8	6.7	6.2	5.7	5.6	6.2	a. m. p. m.
	10-20	6.5	6.9	7.0	7.0	6.8	6.5	6.1	6.1	6.6	
	20-40	6.4	6.7	6.8	6.9	6.7	6.4	6.0	6.0	6.5	
E.....	0-10	.135	.110	.127	.167	.245	.266	.230	.172	.180	11.5 10.5
	10-20	.164	.135	.157	.217	.328	.344	.278	.212	.229	11.5 10.3
	20-40	.190	.160	.178	.244	.370	.397	.320	.242	.261	11.5 10.4

PAN 3.

Symbol	Wind.	A. M.				P. M.				Mean	Hour of mean ordinate.
		2	5	8	11	2	5	8	11		
f.....	0-10	12.6	11.3	16.2	23.8	25.0	22.8	18.0	15.0	18.0	a. m. p. m.
	10-20	15.0	14.8	19.2	24.7	26.6	22.6	17.5	16.0	19.6	
	20-40	17.0	16.6	20.0	24.0	26.4	25.7	20.2	18.0	21.0	
S.....	0-10	11.6	10.2	12.5	19.0	24.3	24.2	20.2	15.0	17.1	a. m. p. m.
	10-20	15.0	15.2	18.0	22.0	24.8	21.4	17.6	15.8	16.7	
	20-40	14.5	14.7	17.0	20.6	23.2	20.3	16.8	15.0	17.8	
e.....	0-10	5.7	6.1	6.8	6.5	6.4	6.0	5.7	5.7	6.1	a. m. p. m.
	10-20	6.3	6.7	6.8	6.5	6.0	5.7	5.7	5.9	6.2	
	20-40	5.9	6.2	6.4	6.2	5.7	5.5	5.5	5.7	5.9	
E.....	0-10	.137	.118	.130	.172	.243	.270	.222	.177	.184	11.6 10.5
	10-20	.172	.144	.166	.230	.320	.347	.283	.220	.235	11.5 9.8
	20-40	.200	.170	.185	.260	.365	.402	.337	.258	.272	11.4 10.4

PAN 5.

Symbol	Wind.	A. M.				P. M.				Mean	Hour of mean ordinate.
		2	5	8	11	2	5	8	11		
f.....	0-10	12.8	11.7	16.2	23.2	24.6	23.0	19.8	16.5	18.3	a. m. p. m.
	10-20	15.0	14.7	19.2	24.7	26.0	22.8	18.8	17.0	19.8	
	20-40	16.3	16.2	20.0	24.0	26.0	25.3	20.7	18.2	20.8	
S.....	0-10	11.8	11.0	12.9	19.4	24.2	23.5	19.2	15.0	17.1	a. m. p. m.
	10-20	15.4	15.6	18.0	21.7	24.2	22.0	17.3	16.1	18.8	
	20-40	14.8	14.8	17.0	20.0	22.2	20.0	16.7	15.7	17.6	
e.....	0-10	5.5	5.6	6.6	6.3	6.3	5.7	5.6	5.4	5.9	a. m. p. m.
	10-20	6.3	6.6	6.8	6.5	5.9	5.6	5.6	5.7	6.1	
	20-40	5.9	6.3	6.6	6.0	5.6	5.4	5.4	5.8	5.8	
E.....	0-10	.162	.130	.146	.200	.270	.287	.230	.186	.200	11.0 10.1
	10-20	.195	.165	.192	.265	.362	.386	.310	.250	.266	11.0 9.8
	20-40	.230	.193	.218	.306	.430	.475	.400	.307	.312	11.0 9.9

PAN 7.

Symbol	Wind.	A. M.				P. M.				Mean	Hour of mean ordinate.
		2	5	8	11	2	5	8	11		
f.....	0-10	13.7	12.1	16.7	22.3	24.6	22.6	18.6	16.0	18.3	a. m. p. m.
	10-20	15.0	15.1	19.0	24.2	26.0	22.0	18.0	16.3	19.5	
	20-40	16.4	16.2	20.0	24.0	25.4	25.0	20.6	18.2	20.7	
S.....	0-10	11.8	10.5	13.0	19.7	24.2	23.7	19.0	15.2	17.1	a. m. p. m.
	10-20	14.1	14.4	17.0	20.8	24.0	20.3	16.4	15.0	17.8	
	20-40	13.7	13.8	16.0	20.0	22.3	19.8	16.2	14.3	17.0	
e.....	0-10	5.5	5.9	6.7	6.3	5.4	5.2	5.3	5.8	5.9	a. m. p. m.
	10-20	6.2	6.6	6.8	6.6	5.6	5.5	5.4	5.1	6.1	
	20-40	5.8	6.3	6.6	6.2	5.8	5.4	5.3	5.2	5.8	
E.....	0-10	.154	.134	.154	.210	.287	.295	.235	.186	.207	10.8 9.5
	10-20	.196	.175	.208	.294	.396	.410	.320	.250	.282	10.7 9.4
	20-40	.248	.210	.243	.340	.475	.490	.400	.307	.339	10.9 9.8

TABLE 10.—Tower No. 2, on eastern bank of reservoir. Meteorological data.

PAN 1.

Symbol	Wind.	A. M.				P. M.				Mean	Hour of mean ordinate.
		2	5	8	11	2	5	8	11		
f.....	0-10	13.7	11.8	16.9	23.0	24.7	22.8	21.2	17.0	18.9	a. m. p. m.
	10-20	15.9	15.0	20.8	24.6	25.7	23.3	19.3	17.0	20.2	
	20-40	17.0	16.7	20.0	21.7	24.8	20.8	18.1	20.3	20.7	
S.....	0-10	14.9	14.7	17.3	20.8	21.2	20.2	18.6	16.6	18.0	a. m. p. m.
	10-20	16.0	16.8	19.4	20.7	21.5	19.0	16.7	16.0	18.3	
	20-40	15.0	15.2	17.0	18.4	19.7	18.0	16.0	15.0	16.8	
e.....	0-10	6.2	6.4	7.3	7.2	6.9	6.7	6			

TABLE 11.—Tower No. 3—Continued.  
PAN 5.

Symbol.	Wind.	A. M.				P. M.				Mean.	Hour of mean ordinate.	a. m.	p. m.
		2	5	8	11	2	5	8	11				
t.....	0-10	14.0	12.0	16.0	21.4	24.2	22.0	21.7	18.0	18.9	.....	.....	.....
	10-20	17.4	17.0	20.0	21.8	25.2	24.1	19.7	18.1	20.4	.....	.....	.....
	20-40	17.0	16.8	18.2	20.0	24.2	24.6	20.0	18.1	19.9	.....	.....	.....
S.....	0-10	12.3	10.3	13.2	16.5	20.7	20.4	19.2	16.0	16.1	.....	.....	.....
	10-20	13.8	13.8	15.2	18.0	20.5	20.2	16.2	14.6	16.3	.....	.....	.....
	20-40	12.8	12.2	13.0	16.0	19.2	18.8	14.7	13.7	15.0	.....	.....	.....
e.....	0-10	5.4	5.8	6.8	6.6	6.1	6.0	5.4	5.2	5.9	.....	.....	.....
	10-20	6.3	7.4	7.5	5.6	6.1	5.5	5.2	5.6	6.2	.....	.....	.....
	20-40	4.8	4.8	5.6	4.8	5.3	5.5	5.4	5.0	5.2	.....	.....	.....
E.....	0-10	143	124	141	182	217	222	204	175	176	10.6	11.1	.....
	10-20	185	155	189	240	292	297	272	228	231	10.6	10.8	.....
	20-40	220	184	210	277	342	346	314	262	269	10.8	10.6	.....

PAN 7.

Symbol.	Wind.	A. M.				P. M.				Mean.	Hour of mean ordinate.	a. m.	p. m.
		2	5	8	11	2	5	8	11				
t.....	0-10	14.2	12.1	16.7	22.2	23.2	22.0	22.2	17.7	18.8	.....	.....	.....
	10-20	16.9	17.6	21.4	22.0	23.9	23.4	19.0	17.5	20.2	.....	.....	.....
	20-40	17.5	18.0	19.8	21.0	24.4	24.0	19.7	18.2	20.3	.....	.....	.....
S.....	0-10	12.3	10.2	14.0	20.7	24.0	21.2	19.5	16.0	17.2	.....	.....	.....
	10-20	14.0	14.2	17.1	20.7	22.3	21.2	17.0	14.4	17.6	.....	.....	.....
	20-40	12.9	12.7	15.0	18.1	20.4	19.0	14.9	13.4	15.8	.....	.....	.....
e.....	0-10	5.2	5.6	6.6	6.7	5.7	5.6	5.2	5.1	5.7	.....	.....	.....
	10-20	6.7	7.7	7.5	6.0	6.0	5.7	5.3	5.7	6.3	.....	.....	.....
	20-40	5.2	5.1	5.1	4.8	5.3	5.4	5.5	5.2	5.2	.....	.....	.....
E.....	0-10	154	130	160	240	283	268	220	183	205	9.8	8.8	.....
	10-20	205	170	211	330	395	367	300	247	278	9.8	8.9	.....
	20-40	246	204	246	382	470	440	360	297	331	9.7	9.2	.....

TABLE 12.—Tower No. 4, on western bank of reservoir. Meteorological data.

PAN 1.

Symbol.	Wind.	A. M.				P. M.				Mean.	Hour of mean ordinate.	a. m.	p. m.
		2	5	8	11	2	5	8	11				
t.....	0-10	12.4	11.6	17.4	21.8	24.2	22.0	18.0	15.6	17.9	.....	.....	.....
	10-20	15.3	15.2	20.2	24.4	25.5	24.0	18.8	17.0	20.0	.....	.....	.....
	20-40	17.9	18.0	21.7	23.9	25.0	24.0	19.0	18.3	21.0	.....	.....	.....
S.....	0-10	15.8	16.0	18.0	21.0	21.0	19.7	17.4	16.2	18.1	.....	.....	.....
	10-20	16.6	17.5	19.0	21.4	22.0	19.4	17.0	16.5	18.7	.....	.....	.....
	20-40	16.0	16.7	18.2	20.2	20.2	18.3	16.7	16.0	17.8	.....	.....	.....
e.....	0-10	6.2	6.3	7.6	7.8	7.4	7.7	6.4	6.0	6.9	.....	.....	.....
	10-20	6.7	8.0	8.5	7.1	7.3	6.9	6.4	6.3	7.2	.....	.....	.....
	20-40	6.4	6.4	6.0	6.1	7.0	6.7	6.1	6.0	6.3	.....	.....	.....
E.....	0-10	130	125	150	200	210	198	168	140	165	9.1	8.3	.....
	10-20	158	155	190	255	272	258	210	168	208	8.9	8.3	.....
	20-40	180	174	210	286	306	290	246	193	236	8.9	8.7	.....

PAN 3.

Symbol.	Wind.	A. M.				P. M.				Mean.	Hour of mean ordinate.	a. m.	p. m.
		2	5	8	11	2	5	8	11				
t.....	0-10	12.8	11.2	17.2	23.8	26.0	22.0	18.3	16.5	18.5	.....	.....	.....
	10-20	15.4	15.0	19.0	23.6	25.9	24.0	18.0	16.6	19.7	.....	.....	.....
	20-40	18.2	18.0	21.0	23.4	25.3	24.2	19.2	18.1	20.9	.....	.....	.....
S.....	0-10	13.7	11.0	12.3	17.2	21.4	22.7	21.0	17.3	17.1	.....	.....	.....
	10-20	15.8	15.6	18.0	19.7	20.7	20.6	17.8	16.2	18.0	.....	.....	.....
	20-40	14.7	14.2	16.0	18.3	20.0	19.5	16.3	15.4	16.8	.....	.....	.....
e.....	0-10	5.8	6.2	8.0	8.2	8.1	7.8	6.0	5.5	7.0	.....	.....	.....
	10-20	5.9	7.0	8.0	8.3	8.4	8.0	6.0	5.4	7.1	.....	.....	.....
	20-40	5.9	6.4	7.6	7.0	8.2	6.7	5.5	5.1	6.6	.....	.....	.....
E.....	0-10	157	132	160	205	268	303	260	200	203	11.2	10.6	.....
	10-20	196	160	194	267	357	397	340	260	271	11.3	10.6	.....
	20-40	225	184	220	300	405	463	388	303	311	11.4	10.7	.....

PAN 5.

Symbol.	Wind.	A. M.				P. M.				Mean.	Hour of mean ordinate.	a. m.	p. m.
		2	5	8	11	2	5	8	11				
t.....	0-10	14.2	12.2	18.2	23.8	24.7	22.0	21.0	17.7	19.2</td			

tower lags about two hours behind that of the air in the forenoon, and one hour in the afternoon; on tower No. 2 the dry-bulb temperature shows a strong double period, while that for the water does not have the second maximum; the vapor tension  $e$  has generally a maximum about 8 a. m., and a smaller maximum at 3 p. m., especially during the middle type of the wind velocities 10-20 kilometers per hour. The plotted curves are very interesting and they will repay careful examination, as they contain much valuable information regarding the action of the solar radiation in the lower strata. In constructing the proposed formula, the element  $S$ , the temperature of the water surface,  $e$ , the vapor pressure, and  $w$ , the wind velocity, have been incorporated into it.

The temperature of the water surface is a function of the amount of vapor in cubic centimeters  $v$ , which one cubic centimeter of water,  $v_1$ , will make at that temperature. The vapor pressure of the air  $e_d$  and that within one-half inch of the surface of the water  $e_r$  run in parallel lines, as shown on figs. 6-12 in Paper II of this series, so that the function of the evaporation can be built up in terms of one as well as the other, while the psychrometer will be the best instrument for use, as the floating raft thermometers are liable to get wet in the splashing water. Since the vapor pressure prevailing in the air holds close down to the water surface with no special change, it follows that the distribution of the vapor within the air, after one-half an inch has been past, goes off into the higher levels quite gradually. The first rise in vapor pressure at 8 a. m., before the heat renders the air capable of holding more vapor, marks the tendency of the evaporating vapor to change the cool morning air over the water pans.

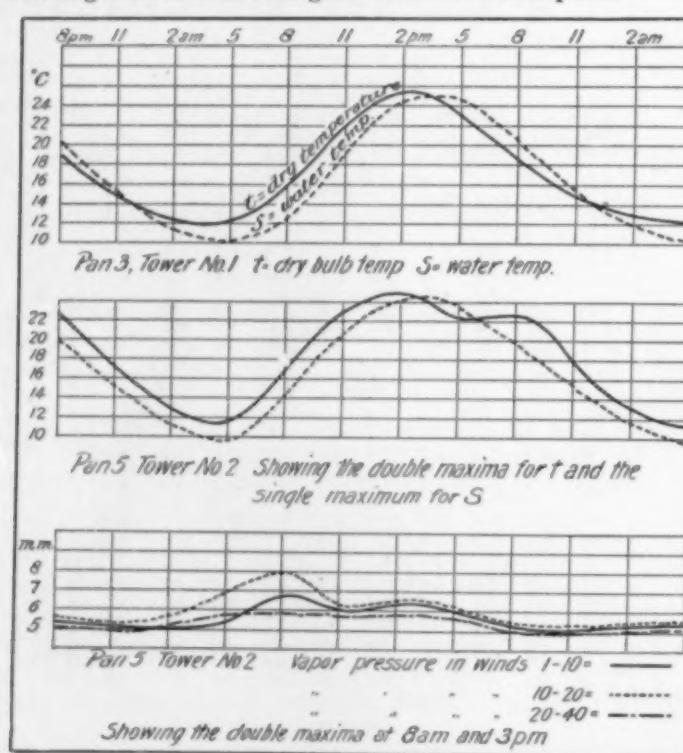


FIG. 28.

These irregularities in the meteorological data are probably due to the local conditions. In the forenoon the wind was usually feeble from the southeast; in the afternoon it was strong from the west and brought cold air from the Sierra Nevada Mountains, which flowed down the Truckee River Valley. The wind blowing over the reservoir affected the pans differently on the leeward or eastward side. The evaporation, doubtless, responded to all these characteristics, but it was not possible to disentangle all these elements in the short Reno campaign.

## THE FORMULAS FOR THE EVAPORATION OF WATER.

The formula that has been commonly used in discussing the amount of the evaporation is in the form of the Dalton law.

$$(29) \quad E = C (e_s - e_d) (1 + Av),$$

where  $C$  is a constant,  $e_s$  the vapor pressure at the temperature of the water,  $e_d$  the vapor pressure at the temperature of the dew-point,  $A$  the wind constant, and  $v$  the velocity of the wind. It was shown by comparing the results of the observations at Abbassia, Boston, Fort Collins, and Nakuss that the constants are very inconsistent, and it was inferred that the formula is not satisfactory. The relations of  $e_s - e_d$  are shown on figs. 6-12, on the several towers and pans for seven hours in the day, and by comparing with the evaporation, figs. 13-19 it can be seen that there is a loose relationship between them, which has been the basis of this formula. By plotting the mean values of  $e_s$ ,  $e_d$  on Table 5 and the means of the evaporation on Table 6 for each hour given, the diurnal curves may be readily constructed and the Dalton law studied. On computing the so-called constant  $C$  for the seven available hours for the observations August 1-17, we find the following result, putting all the towers together:

TABLE 14.—Values of  $\frac{1}{C} = \frac{e_s - e_d}{E}$ , and  $C$  by Dalton's law.

Pans.	1 a. m.	5 a. m.	8 a. m.	11 a. m.	2 p. m.	5 p. m.	8 p. m.	$\frac{1}{C}$	$C$
6, 7, ...	33.1	23.5	39.8	43.1	36.1	35.7	35.5	35.3	0.0283
5, ...	34.2	25.8	40.3	44.3	37.1	40.7	44.0	38.1	0.0263
4, ...	36.6	25.6	38.8	51.4	47.0	46.2	32.4	39.7	0.0252
3, ...	40.5	27.7	30.3	49.8	52.3	50.1	51.4	43.2	0.0232
2, ...	44.4	30.4	34.2	56.7	67.4	60.4	58.3	50.3	0.0199
1, ...	50.0	40.0	45.7	63.1	52.6	59.5	65.8	52.4	0.0191
Means $\frac{1}{C}$	39.8	28.8	38.2	40.7	48.7	48.8	47.9	43.2	...
$C$	.0252	.0348	.0262	.0202	.0206	.0205	.0209	...	...

The table shows a variation of  $C$  increasing up the towers and a diurnal period with maximum at 5 a. m. and minimum at 2 p. m. The wind term has not been eliminated in this computation of  $\frac{1}{C}$  and  $C$ , but the results are evidently contradictory.

If the increase of  $C$  up the towers is due to the increase of the wind velocity, then there should be an increase in the values of  $C$  in the afternoon over  $C$  in the forenoon, because there was at Reno a strong diurnal increase in the wind from morning to afternoon, as shown in Table 8.

I have, therefore, sought in many ways for a new formula and my final form is here presented, omitting the trial discussions from this paper. The following formula seemed for a time to be of value, but it was also superseded:

$$(30) \quad E = C \frac{de}{ds} (t - d) (1 + Aw^2),$$

where  $\frac{de}{ds}$  is the rate of change in the vapor pressure per degree of temperature, as given in the Smithsonian Tables (Gray), Table 165, column 2, or the Meteorological Tables, Table 43;  $t$  = the temperature of the air,  $d$  the dew-point of the air,  $A$  the wind constant, and  $w$  the wind velocity in kilometers per hour. We have finally used the formula,

$$(31) \quad E = C f(h) e \frac{de}{ds} (1 + Aw),$$

where  $C f(h)$  is a variable, a function of the height,  $e$  the vapor pressure corresponding with the dew-point of the air,  $\frac{de}{ds}$  the ratio of increase of the vapor pressure to the increase of the temperature,  $A$  a wind constant, and  $w$  the wind velocity in kilometers per hour. The computations were carried on in three parts under the formulas,

$$(32) \quad E = Cf(h) e \frac{de}{dS} + Cf(h) e \frac{de}{dS} Aw, \text{ so that,}$$

$$(33) \quad E_1 = E_1 + E_1 Aw_1 \text{ for } w_1 \text{ between } 1-10 \text{ km. per hour,}$$

$$(34) \quad E_2 = E_1 + E_1 Aw_2 \text{ for } w_2 \text{ between } 10-20 \text{ km. per hour,}$$

$$(35) \quad E_3 = E_1 + E_1 Aw_3 \text{ for } w_3 \text{ between } 20-40 \text{ km. per hour.}$$

Since  $E_1 Aw_1$  can practically be neglected, we have,

$$(36) \quad Cf(h) = e \frac{E_1}{dS} de.$$

With the value of  $Cf(h)$  thus found,

$$(37) \quad A = \frac{E_2 - E_1}{E_1 w_2} = \frac{E_3 - E_1}{E_1 w_3}.$$

There are two sets of values of the evaporation for computing the wind constant  $A$ , after the observations have given curves of evaporation sorted into the three sets as determined by the wind velocities. Thus, having such evaporation curves as are found on figs. 23-27, even if they are only approximately accurate, we can proceed by this process. Construct the values

of  $e \frac{de}{dS}$  and divide  $E_1$  by it for the first group with the wind

0-10 kilometers per hour. This gives values of  $Cf(h)$ . Then take  $E_2 - E_1$ ,  $E_3 - E_1$ , construct  $E_1 w_2$ ,  $E_1 w_3$ , and divide for the constant  $A$ . It will be shown that  $Cf(h)$  is the variable of an interesting function, while  $A$  is constant. The following tables give the value of  $Cf(h)$  as computed from the rough curves derived directly from the observations, and  $A$  likewise derived from the observations of the second and third high wind velocity groups, 10-20, 20-40. The large number of observations available for the wind group 0-10 enabled us to construct the evaporation curve  $E_1$  quite satisfactorily, the curves  $E_2$  and  $E_3$  being more difficult, as already explained, on account of the excess of high winds in the afternoon hours.

The line of thought which led to this formula may be summarized as follows: The well known Clayperon formula regulates the amount of vapor that can be derived from 1 cubic centimeter of water, when the vapor and water are at a certain temperature  $S$ , as already shown in the first paper<sup>1</sup> of this series, formula 18, from which we have, since  $v_1$  can be neglected in comparison with  $v_2$ ,

$$(38) \quad \frac{de}{dS} = \frac{r_2}{v_1 S_1} \frac{41852800 \times 760}{1013235}$$

since  $e = p_1$ , the vapor pressure, and  $S_1 = T$  in the evaporation formula, for the sake of a distinctive notation. The mechanical equivalent of heat is taken 41852800 ergs, the pressure of 1 atmosphere 76 cm., or 1013235 dynes/cm. =  $B_n \rho_m g_0 = 76 \times 13.5958 \times 980.60$ ,  $r_2$  is the latent heat required to vaporize water at the temperature  $S_1$ , and  $v_1$  the volume of vapor given off, ranging from  $v_1 = 211356 \text{ cm}^3$  at  $0^\circ \text{ C.}$  to  $1659 \text{ cm}^3$  at  $100^\circ \text{ C.}$

The following table gives the values of  $\frac{de}{dS}$  and  $r_2$  for various

temperatures.

The vapor pressure  $e$  was selected for this reason. In evaporation from a water surface the vapor pressure near the water  $e_r$ , within half an inch of the surface, should be a direct function of the diffusion of the vapor into the air, as shown by the figs. 6-12. Since the vapor pressure  $e_d$  of the dew-point of the air follows closely the  $e_r$  of the vapor down to the water I have substituted  $e_d$  for  $e_r$ , because it is more conveniently observed, and the factor which connects them,  $e_r/e_d$ , is taken up into the function  $Cf(h)$ . This function has not yet been solved and it may throw further light on this point.  $Cf(h)$  is concerned with the rate of diffusion and mixture of the vapor, which is streaming off into the adjacent air masses, and it repre-

resents the capacity of the superincumbent air to receive the new vapor more or less rapidly. The wind term  $Aw$  simply increases this absorbing capacity.

TABLE 15.—The relations of  $S$ ,  $\frac{de}{dS}$  and  $r_2$ .

$S$	$\frac{de}{dS}$	$r_2$	$S$	$\frac{de}{dS}$	$r_2$
0	0.33	606.5	16	0.86	595.2
1	0.35	605.8	17	0.91	594.5
2	0.38	605.1	18	0.96	593.8
3	0.40	604.4	19	1.02	593.1
4	0.42	603.7	20	1.07	592.3
5	0.45	603.0	21	1.14	591.6
6	0.48	602.3	22	1.20	590.9
7	0.51	601.6	23	1.26	590.2
8	0.54	600.8	24	1.33	589.5
9	0.57	600.1	25	1.40	588.8
10	0.61	599.4	26	1.48	588.1
11	0.65	598.7	27	1.56	587.4
12	0.69	598.0	28	1.64	586.7
13	0.73	597.3	29	1.72	586.0
14	0.77	596.7	30	1.80	585.3
15	0.81	595.9			

TABLE 16.—Computation of the term  $Cf(h)$ . Tower No. 1, pan 1.

$$Cf(h) = \frac{E_1}{e \frac{de}{dS}}$$

Formula.	8 p.m.- 1 a.m.	1-5 a.m.	5-8 a.m.	8-11 a.m.	11 a.m.- 2 p.m.	2-5 p.m.	5-8 p.m.	Means.
$S$	15.8	10.8	10.7	15.4	22.8	24.9	22.7	
$\frac{de}{dS}$	0.85	0.64	0.64	0.83	1.25	1.29	1.24	
$e$	5.6	5.7	6.5	6.7	6.7	6.4	5.9	
$e \frac{de}{dS}$	4.8	3.6	4.2	5.6	8.4	8.9	7.3	
$E_1$	.097	.088	.138	.245	.300	.255	.162	
$Cf(h)$	.020	.025	.033	.044	.036	.029	.022	.030

TABLE 17.—Computation of the mean diffusion function  $Cf(h)$  from the three-hour observations.

TOWER 1.

Pans.	8 p.m.- 1 a.m.	1-5 a.m.	5-8 a.m.	8-11 a.m.	11 a.m.- 2 p.m.	2-5 p.m.	5-8 p.m.	Means.
1.....	.020	.025	.033	.044	.036	.029	.022	.030
3.....	.028	.028	.021	.040	.041	.033	.027	.031
5.....	.030	.031	.031	.039	.046	.037	.031	.035
7.....	.032	.035	.035	.039	.049	.041	.031	.037

TOWER 2.

1.....	.029	.023	.023	.024	.026	.024	.021	.024
3.....	.028	.031	.035	.027	.033	.024	.024	.029
5.....	.035	.037	.035	.033	.034	.034	.035	.035
7.....	.038	.039	.037	.038	.046	.030	.030	.037

TOWER 3.

1.....	.014	.016	.021	.020	.014	.018	.014	.017
3.....	.024	.024	.025	.024	.022	.022	.022	.024
5.....	.034	.033	.033	.033	.035	.028	.036	.033
7.....	.038	.034	.037	.032	.038	.031	.047	.037

TOWER 4.

1.....	.025	.024	.024	.024	.024	.024	.025	.024
3.....	.031	.031	.032	.031	.031	.020	.030	.031
5.....	.035	.039	.038	.033	.036	.037	.036	.036
7.....	.038	.040	.038	.037	.040	.043	.039	.039

TOWER 5.

1.....	.028	.036	.030	.021	.020	.020	.022	.025
3.....	.034	.044	.037	.031	.036	.035	.033	.036
5.....	.036	.045	.044	.037	.041	.038	.035	.039
7.....	.040	.043	.041	.039	.042	.043	.041	.041

<sup>1</sup> Monthly Weather Review, July, 1907.

The values of the temperature are taken from the curve for the twenty-four hours at the mean value for the intervals given, to conform to the integration, and practically it is taken for the time at the mean of the interval. They can be found approximately on Table 9.  $E_1$  is taken at the end of the interval on the curve, as drawn thru the observations;  $de/dS$  is taken from Table 15. Similar computations for pans 1, 3, 5, and 7, on towers 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, are collected in Table 17.

TABLE 18.—Computation of the wind constant  $A$ .

Pans.	8 p. m.- 1 a. m.	TOWER 1.						Means
		1-5 a. m.	5-8 a. m.	8-11 a. m.	11 a. m.- 2 p. m.	2-5 p. m.	5-8 p. m.	
1	$\frac{E_2 - E_1}{E_1 w_2} = \frac{E_3 - E_1}{E_1 w_3}$	.018	.023	.021	.017	.015	.015	.019
		.023	.037	.024	.024	.029	.021	.024
3	$\frac{w_2}{w_3}$	.020	.024	.018	.015	.011	.016	.017
		.023	.017	.024	.018	.016	.019	.019
5	$\frac{w_3}{w_5}$	.021	.019	.012	.013	.012	.015	.015
		.021	.021	.018	.014	.013	.016	.017
7	$\frac{w_5}{w_7}$	.014	.016	.018	.011	.009	.014	.013
		.016	.017	.020	.014	.010	.013	.015
TOWER 2.								
1	$\frac{w_3}{w_5}$	.016	.022	.022	.024	.020	.011	.012
		.020	.026	.022	.028	.021	.015	.012
3	$\frac{w_5}{w_7}$	.019	.027	.023	.029	.014	.010	.009
		.022	.026	.028	.027	.019	.014	.015
5	$\frac{w_7}{w_9}$	.011	.020	.022	.020	.015	.009	.007
		.013	.024	.031	.025	.018	.014	.018
7	$\frac{w_9}{w_7}$	.017	.028	.022	.015	.013	.012	.011
		.017	.029	.026	.020	.018	.017	.020
TOWER 3.								
1	$\frac{w_5}{w_7}$	.015	.015	.021	.025	.028	.019	.015
		.018	.019	.030	.031	.034	.022	.019
3	$\frac{w_7}{w_9}$	.010	.014	.012	.012	.012	.011	.012
		.012	.014	.018	.019	.015	.014	.015
5	$\frac{w_9}{w_7}$	.012	.020	.018	.020	.020	.019	.013
		.016	.022	.024	.025	.024	.022	.015
7	$\frac{w_7}{w_9}$	.014	.018	.013	.010	.013	.016	.011
		.016	.020	.015	.014	.017	.016	.016
TOWER 4.								
1	$\frac{w_3}{w_5}$	.010	.019	.023	.016	.006	.006	.012
		.012	.024	.027	.019	.013	.011	.013
3	$\frac{w_5}{w_7}$	.016	.018	.018	.016	.015	.014	.010
		.019	.022	.024	.022	.018	.016	.019
5	$\frac{w_7}{w_9}$	.014	.015	.014	.015	.014	.011	.014
		.016	.018	.019	.021	.018	.019	.018
7	$\frac{w_9}{w_7}$	.015	.016	.011	.015	.016	.013	.014
		.016	.016	.018	.019	.019	.018	.017
TOWER 5.								
1	$\frac{w_5}{w_7}$	.012	.013	.015	.020	.019	.014	.013
		.015	.019	.025	.027	.024	.018	.016
3	$\frac{w_7}{w_9}$	.018	.016	.017	.018	.012	.012	.015
		.014	.015	.021	.021	.014	.013	.016
5	$\frac{w_9}{w_7}$	.014	.020	.017	.018	.011	.015	.015
		.017	.021	.022	.018	.018	.016	.017
7	$\frac{w_7}{w_9}$	.014	.026	.025	.014	.012	.013	.016
		.014	.022	.023	.017	.013	.014	.017

Mean  $A$ -constant, Tower 1, 0.0175

2, .0188

3, .0175

4, .0160

5, .0165

Mean .0173

Adopted  $A$ -constant 0.0175

With this value of the  $A$ -constant, and the mean values of the  $C$ -function given in Table 17, the values of  $E_1$ ,  $E_2$ ,  $E_3$ , which appear in Tables 9-13 and in figs. 23-27, were computed for the 4 pans on the 5 towers.

THE DIFFUSION COEFFICIENT  $Cf(h)$ .

I will call the variable term  $C$  the diffusion coefficient till the complete elucidation of the function shall suggest a better name. In order to bring out some of its characteristics, the values of  $C$  obtained for the pans on the several towers will

be plotted on fig. 29. The depression of the curves in the middle of the reservoir, and the progressive spacing between them, suggests that they are arranged on a geometric ratio, counting the distances from a maximum line  $C_0$  to be determined by computation. The fall of the line  $C$  at tower No. 5 corresponding with the lowest pan in the alfalfa field is due to the irrigation of the ground, which makes the lower stratum act like the water of the reservoir to some extent. The dotted line eliminates that feature. By a few trials I have determined the  $C_0$  line which conforms with this theory, as follows:

TABLE 19.—The geometrical ratio  $\rho = \frac{w_{n+1}}{w_n}$ .

Towers.	5	4	3	2	1
$C_0$	.044	.044	.043	.042	.041
$C_1$	.041	.039	.037	.037	.037
$C_2$	.039	.036	.032	.035	.035
$C_3$	.036	.031	.025	.029	.032
$C_4$	.031	.024	.017	.024	.030

$$\text{Mean } \frac{w_{n+1}}{w_n} = \rho = 1.55.$$

Assume the line  $C_0$  and take successive differences between  $C_0$  and the lower curves  $C_0 - C_1$ ,  $C_0 - C_2$ ,  $C_0 - C_3$ ,  $C_0 - C_4$ ,  $C_0 - C_5$ . Divide these differences in succession

$$(39) \quad \rho = \frac{w_{n+1}}{w_n} = \frac{w_2}{w_1} = \frac{w_3}{w_2} = \frac{w_4}{w_3} = \frac{w_5}{w_4} = 1.55.$$

Assume coordinate values for the lower line  $C_4$ , and take an assigned value for  $C_0$ ; subtract  $C_4$  from  $C_0$  to obtain  $C_0 - C_4$ , and then divide by 1.55 in succession to adjust the assumed  $C_0$ .

TABLE 20.—Adjustment of the  $C$ -function to the geometrical law.  
COMPUTATION OF THE ADJUSTED  $\Delta C$ .

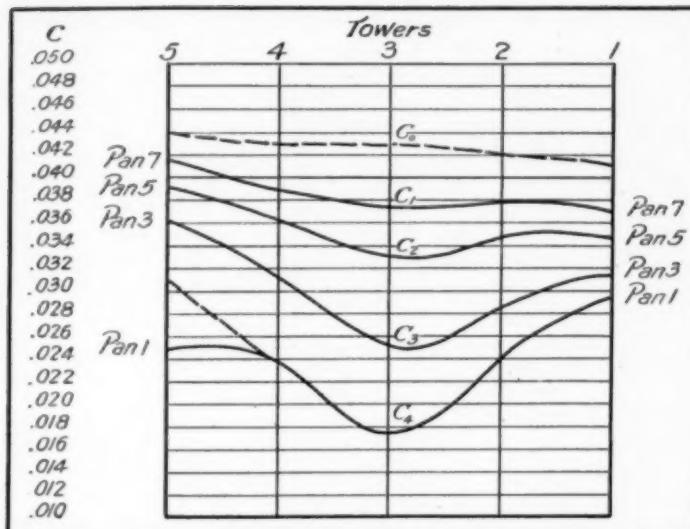
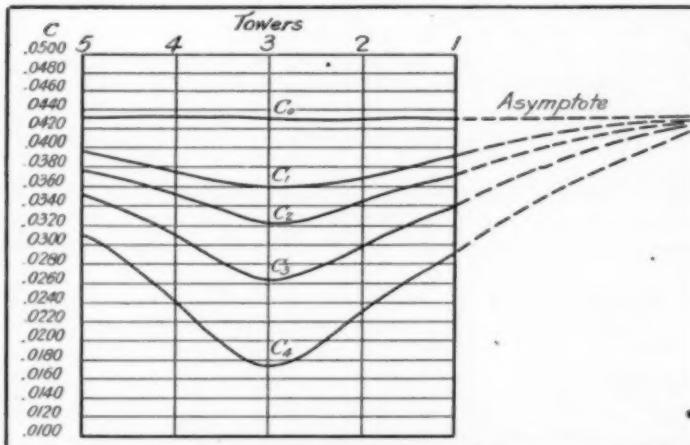
Symbol.	$C$	$\Delta C$						
$C_0$	.0430	.....	.0430	.....	.0430	.....	.0430	.....
$C_1$	.....	.0032	.....	.0031	.....	.0070	.....	.0054
$C_2$	.....	.0050	.....	.0079	.....	.0108	.....	.0083
$C_3$	.....	.0077	.....	.0123	.....	.0163	.....	.0129
$C_4$	.0310	.0120	.0240	.0190	.0170	.0260	.0230	.0200

COMPUTATION OF THE ADJUSTED  $C$ .

$C_0$	.0430	.....	.0430	.....	.0430	.....	.0430	.....
$C_1$	.....	.0398	.....	.0379	.....	.0360	.....	.0392
$C_2$	.....	.0380	.....	.0351	.....	.0322	.....	.0372
$C_3$	.....	.0353	.....	.0307	.....	.0262	.....	.0340
$C_4$	.0310	.....	.0240	.....	.0170	.....	.0230	.....

To compute the adjusted  $\Delta C$  proceed as follows: Assume for  $C_0$  the mean value .0430 for each tower, and for  $C_4$  in succession .0310, .0240, .0170, .0230, .0290. Take the differences .0120, .0190, .0260, .0200, .0140, and divide in succession up the column by 1.55. Thus .0077 = .0120/1.55, .0050 = .0077/1.55, .0032 = .0050/1.55. Then subtract  $\Delta C$  from  $C_0$  in succession for  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$ ,  $C_3$ ,  $C_4$ . Fig. 30 contains the adjusted values of  $C$  and may be compared with fig. 29, which certainly suggests this geometrical law,

$$(40) \quad C_n = C_0 - (C_0 - C_1) \left( \frac{w_{n+1}}{w_n} \right)^n = C_0 - \Delta C_1 \rho^n.$$

FIG. 29.—The *C*-coefficient as derived from the computations of the observations.FIG. 30.—The *C*-coefficient adjusted by the law of a geometrical ratio.

It is, also, very desirable to extend the *C*-function to heights beyond the reach of observations on the towers, and it can apparently be readily done. The observations on the pans 1, 3, 5, and 7 were taken at the following approximate heights, the small variations having no influence on the amount of the evaporation, as stated in the preceding pages:

- Pan 7, 12 meters, 39.4 feet.
- Pan 5, 6 meters, 19.7 feet.
- Pan 3, 3 meters, 9.8 feet.
- Pan 1, 0 meters, 0.0 feet.

#### THE *C*-COEFFICIENT.

The coefficient *C* is a variable with the height, and there is evidence that it has a small diurnal and annual period at the same place. The further discussion of this term must be left for the campaign at the Salton Sea.

Now it follows that this series of heights can be represented by a simple formula,

$$(40) \quad h_n = 3 \times 2^{n-2},$$

not counting the height of the first pan, since,

$$\begin{aligned} h_1 &= 3 \times 2^{2-2} = 3 \times 1 = 3, \text{ for pan (3),} \\ h_3 &= 3 \times 2^{3-2} = 3 \times 2 = 6, \text{ for pan (5),} \\ h_4 &= 3 \times 2^{4-2} = 3 \times 4 = 12, \text{ for pan (7),} \\ h_5 &= 3 \times 2^{5-2} = 3 \times 8 = 24. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the heights can be controlled by a geometrical ratio law of which 2 is the factor. We, therefore, construct the reciprocal of the  $\rho$ -ratio, and take the log of  $1/\rho$  for the height having the number 2, at which point this law begins

to apply. Table 21 contains the computation. Take  $\rho = 1.55$  find its logarithm and reciprocal, and subtract the log  $1.55 = 0.19033$  in succession up to  $n$  times. Take the values of  $C_n$  corresponding to a height  $h = \infty$ , which is to be the asymptote to the group of *C* curves in fig. 30; also, *C* at the height  $h = 0$ , on the water and land surfaces. Take the difference  $\Delta C = C_0 - C$  and its logarithm. Add this in succession to the series of  $\log 1/\rho$ . The next section contains the corresponding numbers  $\Delta C$  at the successive heights, and the last section the corresponding values of  $C_n$ , formed by subtracting  $\Delta C_n$  from  $C_0$  in succession. The four lines at the head of this table are identical with those in Table 20, the others constituting the extension required.

Plotting these values of  $C_n$  to the argument  $h_n$  on fig. 31, we have the structure of the *C*-function relative to the height. The maximum value of *C* is .0430, which corresponds to a maximum evaporation outside the vapor blanket covering the reservoir, and it is at some asymptotic distance. Practically the curves approach this value at about 40 meters = 131 feet, and this is the height at which the blanket fails to have any influence. The chief effect is within 60–70 feet of the surface. This method of computing the depth of a vapor blanket is of great practical value in studying these problems, as can be easily perceived, because it renders unnecessary the construction of lofty towers, since the initial values for the formula can be found within 40 feet of the surface.

TABLE 21.—*Extension of the C function to the heights  $h_n = 3 \times 2^{n-2}$ .*

#### I. COMPUTATION OF $\log 1/\rho$ FOR SUCCESSIVE POWERS OF 2.

Tower.	No. 5.	No. 4.	No. 3.	No. 2.	No. 1.	Height.
$\log \rho$	Same as No. 3.	Same as No. 3.	1.55	0.19033	Same as No. 3.	Same as No. 3.
$\log 1/\rho$	2	9.80967	9.61934	9.42901	9.23868	$h_n = 3 \times 2^{n-2}$
3	9.69852	9.59809	9.03431	9.72037	9.76547	$3 \times 2^1 = 6$
4	9.49819	9.70776	9.80498	9.73004	9.57514	$3 \times 2^2 = 12$
5	9.30786	9.51743	9.65365	9.5971	9.58481	$3 \times 2^3 = 24$
6	9.12753	9.32710	9.46332	9.34938	9.19448	$3 \times 2^4 = 48$
7	9.93820	9.13777	9.27399	9.16005	9.00515	$3 \times 2^5 = 96$
8	9.64867	9.94644	9.08266	9.69873	6.81382	$3 \times 2^6 = 192$
9	9.53654	9.75611	9.89233	9.77839	6.62349	$3 \times 2^7 = 384$
10	9.36621	9.56578	9.70200	9.58806	6.43316	$3 \times 2^8 = 768$

#### II. COMPUTATION OF $\log \Delta C$ FOR SUCCESSIVE HEIGHTS.

$C_0$ at $h = \infty$	.0430	.0430	.0430	.0430	.0430	.....
$C$ at $h = 0$	.0310	.0240	.0170	.0120	.0090	.....
$\Delta C$	.0120	.0190	.0260	.0200	.0140	.....
log $\Delta C_n$	1	8.07918	8.27875	8.41497	8.30103	8.14613
2	7.88885	8.08842	8.22464	8.11707	7.95580	$3 \times 2^0 = 3$
3	7.69852	7.89809	8.03431	7.92037	7.76547	$3 \times 2^1 = 6$
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10	6.36621	6.56578	6.70200	6.58806	6.43316	$3 \times 2^8 = 768$

#### III. COMPUTATION OF $\Delta C$ FOR SUCCESSIVE HEIGHTS.

$\Delta C_n$	1	.0120	.0190	.0260	.0200	.0140	0
2	.0077	.0123	.0168	.0129	.0090	3	6
3	.0050	.0079	.0108	.0083	.0058	.....	12
4	.0032	.0051	.0070	.0054	.0038	24	48
5	.0020	.0033	.0045	.0035	.0024	.....	96
6	.0013	.0021	.0029	.0022	.0016	192	384
7	.0009	.0014	.0019	.0014	.0010	.....	768
8	.0006	.0009	.0012	.0009	.0007	192	384
9	.0004	.0006	.0008	.0006	.0004	.....	768
10	.0002	.0004	.0005	.0004	.0003	768	.....

#### IV. COMPUTATION OF $C$ FOR SUCCESSIVE HEIGHTS.

$C_n$	1	.0310	.0240	.0170	.0230	.0290	0
2	.0353	.0307	.0262	.0301	.0340	3	6
3	.0380	.0351	.0322	.0347	.0372	.....	12
4	.0398	.0379	.0360	.0376	.0392	24	48
5	.0410	.0397	.0385	.0395	.0406	.....	96
6	.0417	.0409	.0401	.0408	.0414	192	384
7	.0421	.0416	.0411	.0416	.0420	.....	768
8	.0424	.0421	.0418	.0421	.0423	192	384
9	.0426	.0424	.0422	.0424	.0426	.....	768
10	.0428	.0426	.0425	.0426	.0427	768	.....

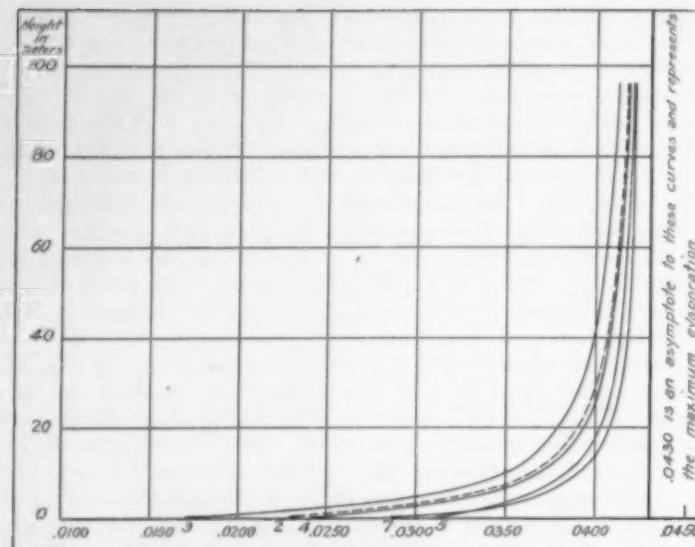


FIG. 31.—The curves of the  $C$ -coefficient for the several towers, showing the great variability in the lower layers of the atmosphere. The stations at Mammoth Tank and Edom are designed to give the value of the  $C$ -coefficient as a maximum, while the stations at Indio, Mecca, and Brawley will give values of  $C$  in the irrigated districts, and the towers in the Salton Sea will give values for water surfaces and the adjacent strata of the atmosphere. The relation of these coefficients to a broad water area which is evaporating must be studied before the integral of the loss of water over a sea, a lake, or a reservoir can be found. This is a problem of much difficulty to reduce to a simple practical form.

#### SUMMARY.

In reviewing the outcome of the Reno work I feel satisfied with the wind coefficient  $A$ , with the use of the coefficient  $de/dS$ , and with the fact that  $Cf(h)$  has been shown to be a very complex variable. The introduction of the vapor pressure  $e$  in that formula is probably incomplete, and it may well be that the elucidation of the function  $C$  will give it a very different setting. It will be necessary to build three or four towers in the Salton Sea, and possibly one on a small island near the southern end of the lake; the stations at Edom, Indio, Mecca, Brawley, and Mammoth Tank will have observing stands to carry one pan 10 feet above the ground, while another pan is on the surface. The size of the pans makes an insignificant difference in the amount of evaporation, when they are under identical local conditions. We used six improved Piche evaporimeters at Reno, and compared them directly with the evaporation from the pans at the same elevations and under like conditions, with the hope of substituting these more sensitive instruments for the large pans. They consist of a volumetric tube about 30 cm. long carrying 40 scale divisions, the tube being 1.8 cm. in diameter. The glass was blown so that a small Mariotte tube, in communication with the free air, extended down the middle to within 1 cm. of the bottom. A circular glass plate 8 cm. in diameter was covered by a good filter paper and held against the bottom of the tube by a spring and screw. The water flows from the tube thru the filter paper and evaporates from the upper surface only, the air pressure being nearly constant on the inside by reason of the Mariotte tube admitting air to the upper part as the water falls. The area of the paper is  $50.27 \text{ cm}^2$ , and of the tube  $2.54 \text{ cm}^2$ , so that the water evaporates from  $47.73 \text{ cm}^2$  of the paper. At Reno the evaporation was rapid enough to exhaust the water in about three hours in strong winds during the afternoon, so that the rate of the fall of the water was about 55 times greater in the tube than in the open pans, an advantage in accurate reading, provided the ratio is a constant. Table 22 shows that this ratio has a marked diurnal period. It is not probable that the measurements of the water-fall in the pans are seriously in error, and we must conclude that the

action of the filter paper in conveying water to the edge and losing it by evaporation is variable. In high winds, 25 to 35 km. per hour, the edges of the paper dried out faster than the water could travel thru the paper from the feeding tube to the edge, 3 cm. distant, so that the paper often became detached from the glass plate in high winds. In the early morning hours the evaporation was not fast enough for the pans, and the fiber of the paper may have retained the vapor particles in a thin skin longer than the water surface in the pan under similar conditions. It was a disappointment to find that this promising piece of apparatus must receive further study and development.

TABLE 22.—Ratio of evaporimeter to water-fall in pans.

Ratio =  $\frac{\text{Fall of water in the evaporimeter tube}}{\text{Fall of water in the open pan}}$

Intervals.	1 a.m.	5 a.m.	8 a.m.	11 a.m.	2 p.m.	5 p.m.	8 p.m.	Day.
Evaporimeter No. 1:								
Aug. 5-10	71	51	41	75	48	51	44	54.4
12-17	62	47	12	35	48	58	56	45.4
Pans 1, 2.	79	41	14	48	63	46	68	51.3
19-24	60	25	15	41	89	61	53	49.3
26-31	49	26	17	58	61	49	49	44.1
Sept. 2-7	72	55	29	44	73	50	71	56.3
9-14								
Means .....	65.5	41.0	21.3	50.2	63.7	52.5	56.8	50.1
Evaporimeter No. 2:								
Aug. 5-10	63	47	58	84	103	95	85	76.5
12-17	107	41	18	68	88	101	107	75.1
Pan 3.	109	47	24	64	58	74	69	65.6
19-24	68	23	19	64	82	63	65	54.9
26-31	43	31	9	42	85	43	39	41.7
Sept. 2-7	70	54	21	43	52	42	66	49.7
9-14								
Means .....	76.7	40.5	24.8	60.2	78.0	69.7	71.8	60.3
Evaporimeter No. 3:								
Aug. 5-10	59	45	44	64	79	62	71	60.3
12-17	86	45	23	55	62	72	86	61.5
Pan 4.	95	59	34	74	67	58	91	68.3
19-24	89	59	46	61	72	67	81	67.9
26-31	59	42	26	47	66	57	63	51.4
Sept. 2-7	70	56	35	67	65	53	74	60.0
9-14								
Means .....	75.4	50.7	34.7	61.3	68.5	61.5	77.7	61.6
Evaporimeter No. 4:								
Sept. 2-7	68	31	19	51	67	65	71	53.1
Pan 5.	53	54	37	54	78	71	73	60.0
9-14								
Means .....	60.5	42.5	28.0	52.5	72.5	68.0	72.0	56.5
Evaporimeter No. 5:								
Sept. 2-7	77	33	29	48	71	64	64	55.1
Pan 6.	69	45	39	64	71	50	53	54.6
9-14								
Means .....	68.5	39.0	34.0	56.0	71.0	57.0	58.5	54.9
Evaporimeter No. 6:								
Sept. 2-7	70	28	24	42	64	59	69	50.9
Pan 7.	77	43	38	58	64	53	64	56.7
9-14								
Means .....	73.5	35.5	31.0	50.0	64.0	56.0	66.5	53.8
Means of all. ....	70.5	41.5	29.0	55.0	69.6	60.8	67.2	56.2

Since there is evaporation from  $47.73 \text{ cm}^2$  of the paper and the mean ratio is 56.2 it follows that the evaporation averages 1.177 times faster from each  $\text{cm}^2$  of paper to each  $\text{cm}^2$  of the free water surface. It is possible that some method can be devised to serve more uniformly than the paper acting as a conductor of the water.

It is very important to devise self-registering apparatus, because the labor of three-hourly observations by personal work is such as to exclude evaporation from general study, except by rough summaries, as the total daily amounts, wherein the process is entirely obscured from analysis. These instruments should include a vapor pressure apparatus, and an evaporation apparatus, as well as a thermometer for the water surface, besides the common thermograph. As a practical matter, in order to save the great labor of three-hourly observations in default of self-registering apparatus, it is desirable to find a single three-hour observation of the evaporation which, multiplied by the factor 8, will be equivalent to that amount occurring in twenty-four hours. In Tables 9-13 is given the mean of the eight three-hourly amounts of the evaporation; multiply

this by 8 for the total amount in twenty-four hours in centimeters, 1 cm = 0.394 inch. Plotting this value on the curves of figs. 23-27 and noting the times of occurrence of this ordinate, it is found to average about 10:30 a. m. and 10 p. m. That is to say, if a measure of the height of the water in the pan be made at 7:30 a. m., and another at 10:30 a. m., the difference multiplied by 8 will be closely the total evaporation for the day. This rule holds at Reno, Nev., during the summer, but it should be verified in other localities. Furthermore, in the arid regions of the West it seems probable that a lake or reservoir evaporates about five-eighths as fast as an isolated pan placed outside

the vapor blanket; in other words, this vapor blanket seems to conserve about three-eighths of the water that would otherwise be lost by the evaporation. It is important that similar experiments with towers be made in the central and eastern portions of the United States, in the prevailing damp climates, to discover whether similar rules can be applied in practise. A careful campaign on the theory of evaporation is evidently demanded to elucidate this complex function of the evaporation of water in the open air, and it is probable that several years will be required in order to bring it to a satisfactory conclusion.

### THE WEATHER OF THE MONTH.

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#### PRESSURE.

The distribution of mean atmospheric pressure for February, 1908, over the United States and Canada, is graphically shown on Chart VI, and the average values and departures from the normal are shown for each station in Tables I and III.

February mean pressure partook generally of the usual winter type, a ridge of high pressure, 30.10 to 30.15 inches, stretching from the east Florida coast northwestward to the upper Missouri Valley and thence southwesterly to the middle Pacific coast, diminishing gently to about 30.00 inches over the Canadian Maritime Provinces, the southern portions of Arizona and New Mexico, and over northwest Washington and British Columbia.

There was a decided increase in pressure from that of January, 1908, over the districts east of the Rocky Mountains, while over the Plateau districts a compensating decrease occurred.

Pressure averaged above the normal over practically all districts of the United States and Canada, except over the Pacific coast and the central Mississippi Valley.

The building up of the area of high pressure over the upper Missouri Valley and generally along the northern border brought nearly all districts east of the Missouri and Mississippi valleys under the influence of westerly and northwesterly surface winds, and over the northern tier of States from North Dakota eastward, including the Lake region, New England, and the north Atlantic coast, the month was unusually stormy, the average wind velocity at many points exceeding the normal from 30 to 50 per cent.

The extension of the south Atlantic high area westward over Texas and the Southwest gave southerly winds from the lower Mississippi Valley westward over Texas, and generally over the region from the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific. Over these districts storms were remarkably infrequent and the monthly wind movement was correspondingly less than the average.

#### TEMPERATURE.

The average temperature remained above the normal, as during the preceding months since October, inclusive, over most of the districts west of the Mississippi Valley, only a small area over the lower Colorado Valley and the central and south Pacific coasts showing temperatures slightly below the average.

Over the entire Missouri Valley and northern slope and Plateau districts the average temperature ranged from 4° to 8° above the normal, and across the border in the Canadian Northwest Provinces unusually mild weather was the rule throughout the month.

From the Missouri Valley westward to the Pacific and southward over most of the Great Plains, mountain, and Plateau districts the mean temperature has remained above the normal during the past five months, and the accumulated excess during that period ranges from about 2° daily in the more

southern portions to more than 7° daily over portions of Montana and the Dakotas.

Over the districts east of the Mississippi the average temperature was generally below the normal, the deficiency ranging from 3° to 5° daily over the Appalachian Mountain region, east Gulf States, and the Florida Peninsula.

During the first few days of the month a cold wave of considerable severity prevailed over the northern Rocky Mountain and Plateau districts, extending into the Great Plains and central valleys, but aside from the above no extended or severe periods of cold occurred over those districts.

The continuous discharge of cold winds from the Hudson Bay region over the lower Lakes and New England gave to those districts frequent and severe periods of cold.

Over the northern portions of New York and New England minimum temperatures from 30° to 40° below zero were recorded, the lowest reported in those districts for many years.

Temperatures as low as -40° were recorded also over the mountain districts of southeastern Idaho and northwestern Wyoming on the 1st and 2d, but these readings were probably due to the intense nocturnal radiation possible in the clear, dry atmosphere of that region, rather than to the intensity of the advancing cold area.

Altho temperatures were moderate over most of the northern districts, several periods of cold weather, for the latitude, penetrated into the Gulf and south Atlantic coast districts, and freezing temperatures with killing frosts occurred on numerous dates, extending to the immediate coast line and to the interior districts of central Florida.

#### PRECIPITATION.

The distribution of precipitation during February, 1908, is graphically shown on Chart IV by appropriate shading or by figures representing the actual amount of fall over districts the topography of which is too varied to admit of approximately correct shading.

The precipitation over the lower Ohio and middle Mississippi valleys was comparatively heavy, ranging from 6 to 10 inches; over the remaining districts east of the Mississippi River the amounts were very generally from 2 to 4 inches, except over southern Florida, where the fall averaged but slightly above 1 inch.

From the Missouri Valley and Great Plains westward over the Rocky Mountain and Plateau districts the amount of fall was generally less than 1 inch, except over portions of Arizona and New Mexico, where amounts from 2 to 6 inches were recorded.

Comparatively heavy precipitation, from 5 to 10 inches, occurred over the mountains near the coast of California, Oregon, and Washington, and also over the high elevations of the Sierra and Cascade ranges in those States.

Along the immediate Atlantic coast from New England to Florida, over the Appalachian district from Maryland southward, and the east Gulf States, there was a general deficiency in precipitation ranging from 1 inch to 3 inches.

Along the Rio Grande Valley, over western Texas and the central and northern portions of the mountain, Plateau, and Pacific coast districts, there was a general but small deficiency in the monthly amounts of precipitation.

Over the lower Lakes, the Ohio and lower Mississippi valleys, eastern Texas and portions of Arizona, the precipitation ranged from 2 to 5 inches above the normal, and there was a small excess over the greater portions of New England, the Middle Atlantic States, the upper Lakes, the Missouri and upper Mississippi valleys, the Great Plains and portions of New Mexico, southern California, and northern Washington.

Over California there was an unusual lack of precipitation from the 10th to 27th, but general rains on the last two days brought the monthly amounts well up to the average. Over the remaining districts the precipitation was generally well distributed during the various periods of the month.

*Average temperatures and departures from the normal.*

Districts.	Number of stations.	Average temperatures for the current month.	Departures for the current month.	Accumulated departures since January 1.	Average departures since January 1.
New England	12	22.9	— 3.1	— 0.8	— 0.4
Middle Atlantic	16	29.4	— 8.7	— 2.4	— 1.2
South Atlantic	10	44.0	— 3.9	— 3.9	— 2.0
Florida Peninsula*	8	58.8	— 3.0	— 2.0	— 1.0
East Gulf	11	47.6	— 3.3	— 3.4	— 1.7
West Gulf	10	50.3	— 1.1	— 4.6	— 2.3
Ohio Valley and Tennessee	13	34.6	— 1.6	— 0.8	— 0.4
Lower Lake	10	21.2	— 3.3	— 1.9	— 1.0
Upper Lake	12	19.4	— 0.4	— 4.4	— 2.2
North Dakota*	9	15.1	— 8.0	— 19.8	— 9.9
Upper Mississippi Valley	15	27.0	— 2.4	— 7.7	— 3.8
Missouri Valley	12	29.3	— 4.9	— 13.8	— 6.9
Northern Slope	9	24.9	— 3.7	— 10.5	— 5.2
Middle Slope	6	37.6	— 5.2	— 12.3	— 6.2
Southern Slope*	7	45.8	— 2.8	— 7.2	— 3.6
Southern Plateau*	12	42.9	— 0.2	— 3.0	— 1.5
Middle Plateau*	10	31.0	— 0.8	— 3.6	— 1.8
Northern Plateau*	12	33.2	— 3.0	— 6.0	— 3.0
North Pacific	7	41.5	— 0.8	— 3.3	— 1.6
Middle Pacific	8	48.7	— 0.9	— 0.8	— 0.4
South Pacific	4	52.0	— 0.6	— 1.9	— 1.0

\* Regular Weather Bureau and selected cooperative stations.

*In Canada.—Director R. F. Stupart says:*

The temperature was very slightly below the average in British Columbia, considerably above it from the Rocky Mountains to the Lake Superior region, much below the average from the Georgian Bay district eastward as far as the eastern part of the Province of Quebec, and above it in nearly all portions of the Maritime Provinces. In the Western Provinces the positive departures ranged from 8° to 12° and in the Maritime Provinces from 1° to 4°. The negative departures in Ontario ranged from 2° to 6° and in Quebec from 1° to 3°.

The precipitation was much in excess of the average over the greater portion of Canada, in most districts from 50 to 100 per cent more than the normal. It was, however, from 20 to 40 per cent deficient in Alberta, and there were also deficiencies of about 20 per cent very locally in British Columbia, Manitoba, and the southwestern portion of the Maritime Provinces.

In British Columbia at the close of the month the ground was bare of snow in portions of the lower levels of southern districts, whilst in the north and higher levels there was a deep covering.

Southern Alberta was bare of snow, while elsewhere the depth was almost generally about 3 inches. A depth of from 3 inches in the south to 12 inches in the north was reported from Saskatchewan. Manitoba was covered with snow to a depth of about 5 inches.

In Ontario the depth increased eastward from about 4 inches in the Rainy River district, and northward from 10 inches and over along the shores of the lower Lakes, to from 30 to 46 inches in the Georgian Bay, Temiskaming, and Ottawa Valley districts.

The western portion of Quebec was snow-covered to a depth of from 30 to 50 inches, while the Gaspe Peninsula had 24 inches.

In the Maritime Provinces the depth decreased from nearly 20 inches in the northern parts until there was only a trace on the ground in southern New Brunswick and in Nova Scotia.

*Average precipitation and departures from the normal.*

Districts.	Number of stations.	Average.		Departure.	
		Current month.	Percent- age of normal.	Current month.	Accumu- lated since Jan. 1.
New England	12	3.92	115	+0.5	-0.1
Middle Atlantic	16	8.53	113	+0.5	+0.3
South Atlantic	10	3.58	86	-0.6	-0.3
Florida Peninsula*	8	2.15	66	-1.1	-1.3
East Gulf	11	4.98	102	+0.1	+0.4
West Gulf	10	3.27	118	+0.5	-0.6
Ohio Valley and Tennessee	13	4.31	116	+0.6	-0.7
Lower Lake	10	3.90	156	+1.4	+0.7
Upper Lake	12	2.56	145	+0.8	+0.3
North Dakota*	9	1.20	240	+0.7	+0.3
Upper Mississippi Valley	15	2.72	144	+0.9	+0.1
Missouri Valley	12	2.13	188	+1.0	+0.5
Northern Slope	9	0.78	89	-0.1	-0.4
Middle Slope	6	1.36	179	+0.6	+0.3
Southern Slope*	7	0.95	90	-0.1	-0.3
Southern Plateau*	12	1.48	137	+0.4	+0.3
Middle Plateau*	10	1.10	92	-0.1	-0.3
Northern Plateau*	12	1.12	74	-0.4	-1.3
North Pacific	7	5.25	93	-0.4	-1.6
Middle Pacific	8	4.82	114	+0.6	+1.1
South Pacific	4	2.85	116	+0.4	+1.7

*SNOWFALL.*

More than the usual amount of snow occurred over the Appalachian Mountain region, New England, the Lake region, the Ohio and upper Mississippi valleys, and generally along the northern tier of States.

In the mountain regions of the west considerable snow occurred, especially over the more southerly districts, but the warm weather prevailing during the month prevented any decided increase in the depths accumulated at the end of January.

The greater part of the snow remaining on the ground in high elevations of the mountain districts, having fallen early in the season, is generally well-packed and probably above the average in water contents, thus assuring comparatively slow melting, and a moderate supply of water for irrigation until late in the season.

The distribution of the monthly fall and the amounts remaining on the ground at the end of the month are graphically shown on Charts VII and VIII.

*HUMIDITY AND SUNSHINE.*

From Texas eastward over the Gulf and Atlantic coast States there was a pronounced deficiency in the average relative humidity, also over the upper Lakes and portions of the central Plains and Rocky Mountain region.

Over most of the Missouri and upper Mississippi valleys, the northern tier of States from the upper Lakes westward and over the greater part of the Plateau and Pacific coast districts, there was an excess of relative humidity, the average in portions of New Mexico, Arizona, and California ranging from 10 to 30 per cent above the normal.

Cloudy, rainy weather was in excess of the average over most of the districts east of the Mississippi Valley, except Florida, and also over Arizona and portions of New Mexico. From the Missouri Valley westward, and over the Pacific slope there was generally more than the average amount of sunshine.

As a whole the month was unfavorable for outdoor occupations over most of the eastern districts, but over the great agricultural and stock-raising districts of the west conditions were favorable for the nearly uninterrupted pursuit of the usual outdoor occupations.

## Maximum wind velocities.

Stations.	Date.	Velocity.	Direction.	Stations.	Date.	Velocity.	Direction.
Alpena, Mich.	5	52	se.	Mount Weather, Va.	27	52	n.w.
Atlanta, Ga.	1	56	n.w.	Nantucket, Mass.	1	58	se.
Do.	15	50	n.w.	Do.	2	50	s.w.
Block Island, R. I.	1	58	se.	New Haven, Conn.	1	54	se.
Do.	2	60	s.w.	New York, N. Y.	1	54	w.
Do.	4	52	n.w.	Do.	2	58	w.
Do.	8	60	n.w.	North Head, Wash.	4	54	s.
Do.	9	50	n.w.	Do.	5	72	se.
Do.	15	50	s.	Do.	6	50	s.
Buffalo, N. Y.	1	76	s.w.	Do.	10	54	s.
Do.	2	57	w.	Do.	11	60	s.w.
Do.	6	54	w.	Do.	15	56	se.
Canton, N. Y.	1	56	w.	Do.	16	54	se.
Chicago, Ill.	5	54	w.	Do.	26	60	s.w.
Cleveland, Ohio.	1	60	w.	Oklahoma, Okla.	14	60	n.w.
Do.	6	51	s.w.	Pittsburg, Pa.	1	56	w.
Do.	15	56	n.w.	Do.	6	54	w.
Detroit, Mich.	5	58	s.w.	Point Reyes Light, Cal.	2	60	se.
Do.	6	54	s.w.	Do.	8	70	s.
Duluth, Minn.	1	52	n.w.	Do.	9	73	n.
Do.	16	54	n.w.	Do.	10	53	n.w.
Eastport, Me.	1	69	se.	Do.	11	61	n.w.
El Paso, Tex.	13	51	w.	Do.	12	62	n.w.
Do.	17	54	w.	Do.	17	51	n.
Erie, Pa.	1	54	w.	Do.	18	50	n.w.
Fort Worth, Tex.	14	53	n.w.	Do.	26	54	n.w.
Grand Haven, Mich.	5	50	s.w.	Do.	28	54	s.w.
Green Bay, Wis.	18	52	ne.	Do.	29	70	s.
Kansas City, Mo.	5	53	n.w.	Portland, Me.	1	61	s.e.
Madison, Wis.	19	54	ne.	Sioux City, Iowa.	5	50	n.w.
Milwaukee, Wis.	5	50	se.	Southeast Farallon, Cal.	8	58	s.
Mount Tamalpais, Cal.	2	52	se.	Do.	29	54	s.w.
Do.	17	60	n.w.	Syracuse, N. Y.	6	62	s.
Do.	29	58	s.w.	Tatoosh Island, Wash.	5	56	s.
Mount Weather, Va.	1	58	n.w.	Do.	10	50	w.
Do.	2	60	n.w.	Do.	26	56	s.
Do.	3	53	n.w.	Toledo, Ohio.	1	53	s.w.
Do.	7	54	n.w.	Do.	5	55	s.w.
Do.	15	50	n.w.	Do.	6	52	s.w.
Do.	16	53	n.w.				

## Average relative humidity and departures from the normal.

Districts.	Average.	Departure from the normal.	Districts.	Average.	Departure from the normal.
New England	74	— 1	Missouri Valley	75	— 0
Middle Atlantic	73	— 1	Northern Slope	73	— 2
South Atlantic	74	— 2	Middle Slope	65	— 3
Florida Peninsula	75	— 5	Southern Slope	69	— 2
East Gulf	68	— 8	Southern Plateau	57	+ 10
West Gulf	70	— 4	Middle Plateau	69	+ 1
Ohio Valley and Tennessee	73	— 1	Northern Plateau	73	— 0
Lower Lake	81	+ 1	North Pacific	82	+ 1
Upper Lake	80	+ 2	Middle Pacific	81	+ 4
North Dakota	84	+ 4	South Pacific	74	+ 6
Upper Mississippi Valley	77	0			

## Average cloudiness and departures from the normal.

Districts.	Average.	Departure from the normal.	Districts.	Average.	Departure from the normal.
New England	5.4	— 0.1	Missouri Valley	5.6	+ 0.2
Middle Atlantic	5.7	+ 0.1	Northern Slope	5.6	+ 0.8
South Atlantic	4.9	— 0.4	Middle Slope	4.8	+ 0.4
Florida Peninsula	3.7	— 0.9	Southern Slope	5.0	+ 0.2
East Gulf	5.4	— 0.1	Southern Plateau	4.0	+ 1.0
West Gulf	5.0	— 0.8	Middle Plateau	5.0	+ 0.2
Ohio Valley and Tennessee	6.9	+ 0.7	Northern Plateau	6.4	— 0.3
Lower Lake	6.9	+ 0.1	North Pacific	7.2	+ 0.2
Upper Lake	7.3	+ 1.0	Middle Pacific	5.4	+ 0.6
North Dakota	6.1	+ 1.0	South Pacific	5.1	+ 1.0
Upper Mississippi Valley	5.8	+ 0.5			

## CLIMATOLOGICAL SUMMARY.

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## TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION BY SECTIONS, FEBRUARY, 1908.

In the following table are given, for the various sections of the Climatological Service of the Weather Bureau, the average temperature and rainfall, the stations reporting the highest and lowest temperatures with dates of occurrence, the stations reporting greatest and least monthly precipitation, and other data, as indicated by the several headings.

The mean temperatures for each section, the highest and

lowest temperatures, the average precipitation, and the greatest and least monthly amounts are found by using all trustworthy records available.

The mean departures from normal temperature and precipitation are based only on records from stations that have ten or more years of observation. Of course the number of such records is smaller than the total number of stations.

Section.	Temperature—in degrees Fahrenheit.								Precipitation—in inches and hundredths.							
	Section average.		Departure from the normal.		Monthly extremes.				Section average.		Departure from the normal.		Greatest monthly.		Least monthly.	
	Station.	Highst.	Date.	Station.	Lowst.	Date.	Station.	Amount.	Station.	Amount.	Station.	Amount.	Station.	Amount.	Station.	Amount.
Alabama.....	44.4	- 2.0	Livingston.....	79	29	Riverton.....	8	2	6.30	+ 0.92	Evergreen.....	11.24	Highland Home.....	2.47		
Arizona.....	47.9	- 0.8	Casgrande.....	90	29	Grand Canyon.....	-15	14	2.31	+ 1.18	Pinal Ranch.....	6.90	Parker.....	0.00		
Arkansas.....	44.2	+ 3.0	Parker.....	90	26	Fond.....	0	2	5.26	+ 1.35	Arkansas City.....	12.70	Fulton.....	1.92		
California.....	46.8	- 1.0	Ozark.....	78	29	Tamarack.....	-18	26	3.99	+ 0.59	Monumental.....	14.99	Needles.....	0.00		
Colorado.....	27.4	+ 2.5	Lamar.....	77	27	Rangely.....	-29	14	0.86	- 0.08	Durango.....	3.98	Canon City.....	0.00		
Florida.....	56.4	- 3.6	Brooksville.....	87	13	3 stations.....	20	2,3	2.36	- 1.50	DeFuniak Springs.....	6.11	2 stations.....	0.70		
Georgia.....	44.1	- 2.0	Waycross.....	82	13	Dahlonega.....	9	21	5.70	0.00	Greenbush.....	8.70	St. George.....	1.94		
Hawaii.....	68.4	.....	Waialua Mill, Oahu.....	87	26	Humuul, Hawaii.....	30	19,20	8.04	.....	Waikamalo, Hawaii.....	29.12	Waipae Ranch, Maui.....	0.00		
Idaho.....	29.8	+ 1.7	Emmett.....	69	26	3 stations.....	-42	1	1.02	- 0.40	Burke.....	4.94	Caldwell.....	0.04		
Illinois.....	28.9	+ 2.4	4 stations.....	65	14,29	Riley.....	-13	2	4.31	+ 1.94	Coloonda.....	10.31	Ottawa.....	1.53		
Indiana.....	29.0	+ 0.5	Marengo.....	66	13	Hammond.....	-9	12	5.70	+ 2.84	Princeton.....	9.85	Salamonia.....	1.54		
Iowa.....	24.3	+ 5.1	Keokuk.....	59	12	Decorah.....	-16	24	1.69	+ 0.63	Olin.....	3.95	Clear Lake.....	0.23		
Kansas.....	36.5	+ 6.7	Eldorado.....	79	23	Thurman.....	-16	23	1.11	+ 0.40	Columbus.....	6.19	Lindsborg.....	0.45		
Kentucky.....	35.6	+ 1.5	Catlettsburg.....	73	11	Scott.....	2	2	5.56	+ 2.19	Blandville.....	8.32	Williamsburg.....	1.81		
Louisiana.....	32.7	+ 0.9	Franklin.....	83	13	Williamstown.....	2	2	5.86	+ 0.69	Ferriday.....	11.31	Lakeside.....	1.27		
Maryland and Delaware.....	29.6	- 1.3	Millsboro, Del.....	68	15	Minden.....	18	2,3	5.86	+ 0.66	Emmitsburg, Md.....	7.02	Salisbury, Md.....	1.37		
Michigan.....	18.9	- 0.1	Clinton.....	56	11	Omer.....	-27	9	3.44	+ 1.67	Pontiac.....	6.98	Croton.....	0.80		
Minnesota.....	17.9	+ 6.8	St. Cloud.....	55	18	Detroit.....	-36	19	1.11	+ 0.40	Redwing.....	2.30	Faribault.....	0.29		
Mississippi.....	47.3	- 0.2	Natchez.....	77	29	Okolona.....	13	2	7.95	+ 2.71	Natchez.....	11.41	Pecan.....	3.94		
Missouri.....	35.6	+ 4.9	4 stations.....	78	29	Unionville.....	-7	2	4.32	+ 2.01	New Madrid.....	9.35	Grant City.....	0.73		
Montana.....	25.1	+ 4.1	Graham.....	68	27	Bowen.....	-55	1	0.87	+ 0.09	Snowshoe.....	6.21	Busby.....	T.		
Nebraska.....	28.7	+ 5.1	Bridgeport.....	76	27	Fort Robinson.....	-24	1	1.06	+ 0.34	Blair.....	3.32	7 stations.....	T.		
Nevada.....	34.6	+ 1.6	Leetville.....	79	27	Potts.....	-10	14	1.07	- 0.22	Hamilton.....	5.20	Mill City.....	0.01		
New England.....	20.7	- 2.6	Boston, Mass.....	60	15	Van Buren, Me.....	-38	5	4.81	+ 0.52	Waterbury, Conn.....	6.86	Bloomfield, Vt.....	2.00		
New Jersey.....	28.1	- 1.5	Browns Mills.....	65	15	Layton.....	-17	10	4.79	+ 0.92	Charlottesville.....	6.44	Cape May.....	2.85		
New Mexico.....	37.7	+ 0.3	Monument.....	80	29	Tres Piedras.....	-12	19	0.93	+ 0.18	Frisco.....	2.92	3 stations.....	0.00		
New York.....	18.8	- 2.8	3 stations.....	60	14-16	Indian Lake.....	-42	5	3.78	+ 1.02	Lake George (1).....	7.40	Hemlock Lake.....	0.72		
North Carolina.....	38.6	- 2.4	Ramsour.....	75	15	Keepwa.....	-42	5	4.76	+ 0.17	Hendersonville.....	8.19	Hatteras.....	2.60		
North Dakota.....	18.8	+ 7.7	Chilcot.....	62	23	Mount Airy.....	-4	3	1.07	+ 0.51	Langdon.....	4.85	Flasher.....	T.		
Ohio.....	27.7	+ 1.2	Thurman.....	66	12	Rome.....	-22	9	4.10	+ 1.51	North Lewisburg.....	6.45	New Berlin.....	1.93		
Oklahoma.....	42.9	+ 5.0	Chandler.....	90	28	Hurley.....	-2	1	2.66	+ 1.92	Tulsa.....	5.41	Erick.....	0.25		
Oregon.....	38.9	+ 1.2	Bay City.....	78	22	Wallowa.....	-13	1	3.35	- 1.87	Glenora.....	12.62	2 stations.....	T.		
Pennsylvania.....	24.8	- 2.4	Umatilla.....	78	26	Lawrenceville.....	-29	9	4.65	+ 1.64	Mauch Chunk.....	8.15	Lawrenceville.....	2.51		
Porto Rico.....	73.0	.....	Aleppo.....	64	12	Albonito.....	50	26	4.22	.....	Isolina.....	9.09	Santa Isabel.....	0.35		
South Carolina.....	43.6	- 1.5	Blackville.....	81	29	Mariciao.....	50	27,28	3.79	+ 0.35	Effingham.....	9.06	Bennettsville.....	2.98		
South Dakota.....	21.3	+ 5.6	Hermosa.....	71	26	Bowdle.....	-29	1	1.08	+ 0.64	Milbank.....	4.04	2 stations.....	0.10		
Tennessee.....	39.6	+ 0.2	Sevierville.....	75	14	Mountain City.....	-3	3	4.87	+ 0.02	Center Point.....	7.73	Birds Bridge.....	2.13		
Texas.....	50.8	+ 1.5	Fort McIntosh.....	90	24	Plemons.....	-2	1	2.65	+ 1.04	Houston.....	9.01	4 stations.....	0.00		
Utah.....	31.2	+ 2.0	Graham.....	90	29	Woodruff.....	-34	1	1.16	- 0.30	Ibapah.....	3.76	Tropic.....	0.23		
Virginia.....	32.4	- 2.8	Milford.....	80	28	Dale Enterprise.....	-5	3,9	3.79	+ 0.35	Speers Ferry.....	6.44	Riverton.....	2.14		
Washington.....	36.7	+ 0.5	Dowell.....	71	15	Cusick.....	-28	2	3.91	- 0.13	Forks.....	21.05	Wahluke.....	0.01		
West Virginia.....	30.9	+ 0.1	Logan.....	72	12	Green Sulphur Spgs.....	-10	3	3.72	+ 0.10	Terra Alta.....	6.26	Green Sulphur Spgs.....	1.77		
Wisconsin.....	20.8	+ 5.2	Whitehall.....	85	24,25	Oscoda.....	-29	2	1.65	+ 0.52	Sturgeon Bay.....	3.53	3 stations.....	0.82		
Wyoming.....	24.1	+ 2.9	Luther.....	77	27	Norris, Y. N. P.....	-51	1	0.53	- 0.39	Lusk.....	3.63	Lusk.....	0.00		

\* Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut.

† 51 stations, with an average elevation of 737 feet.

‡ 146 stations.

## DESCRIPTION OF TABLES AND CHARTS.

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For description of tables and charts see page 8 of REVIEW for January, 1908.

TABLE I.—Climatological data for U. S. Weather Bureau stations, February, 1908.

Stations.	Elevation of instruments.		Pressure, in inches.		Temperature of the air, in degrees Fahrenheit.										Precipitation, in inches.		Wind.		Clear days.					
	Barometer above sea level, feet.	Thermometers above ground.	Sea level, reduced to mean of 24 hrs.	Departure from normal.	Mean max. + mean min. + 2.	Departure from normal.	Maximum.	Mean maximum.	Minimum.	Mean minimum.	Greatest daily range.	Mean wet thermometer.	Mean temperature of the dew point.	Mean relative humidity, per cent.	Total.	Departure from normal.	Days with 0.1, or more.	Total movement, miles.	Prevailing direction.	Miles per hour.	Maximum velocity.	Partly cloudy days.		
					Actual, reduced to mean of 24 hours.		Date.	Date.	Date.	Date.					Date.			Cloudy days.	Average cloudiness during daylight, tenths.	Total snowfall.				
<i>New England.</i>																								
Eastport.	76	69	85	29.90	29.99	+ .01	20.6	- 0.8	48	15 30	- 10 5	12 44	18 14	74	3.92	+ 0.6	10	9,653	w.	60	se.	1 6 10 15 6.8 17.8		
Greenville.				28.77	29.99		11.4		48	15	- 19 5	18	33 19	13	72	4.93			61	se.	1 13 6 10 5.2 23.5			
Portland, Me.	103	81	117	29.90	30.03	+ .01	21.4	- 2.4	48	15 29	- 5 5	18	33 19	13	72	- 0.1	10	7,150	n.w.	28	sw.	2 20 1 8 3.4 27.8		
Concord.	238	70	79	29.73	30.05	+ .02	19.8	- 3.8	55	15 29	- 11 5	10	40		72	3.31	- 0.1	11	4,574	n.w.	1 6 11 12 6.1 18.9			
Burlington.	404	12	47	29.61	30.00	+ .06	14.3	- 6.6	52	15 23	- 27 5	5	32		72	2.27	+ 0.8	18	5,151	s.	40	s.	1 16 11 12 6.4 41.3	
Northfield.	876	16	70	29.06	30.06	+ .02	11.8	- 5.4	50	15 23	- 35 5	1	40	10 7	82	4.44	- 2.1	14	5,951	s.	34	sw.	15 5 12 12 6.4 41.3	
Boston.	125	115	185	29.90	30.04	.00	26.8	- 1.2	60	15 35	- 2 5	19	33 23	16	66	2.96	- 0.6	10	8,992	n.w.	43	se.	1 11 9 9 5.1 9.3	
Nantucket.	12	14	90	30.02	30.03	- .01	28.4	- 4.2	55	15 35	3 9	22	34 26	23	82	3.71	+ 0.5	12	6,605	w.	58	se.	1 8 7 14 6.7 3.6	
Block Island.	26	11	46	30.02	30.05	- .01	28.6	- 2.6	53	15 36	4 9	22	32 26	20	70	3.53	- 0.9	9	15,950	n.w.	60	sw.	2 12 8 9 4.8 2.8	
Narragansett.	9						26.8	- 1.5	52	15 36	- 2 5	18	38		72	3.81		11				19 2 8 8.0		
Providence.	160	57	67	29.88	30.06	+ .01	26.0	- 3.0	57	15 35	- 2 5	17	35 22	16	65	4.00	+ 0.4	11	6,481	w.	37	w.	2 10 11 8 5.0 9.8	
Hartford.	159	122	132	29.88	30.07	+ .01	24.2	- 3.0	56	15 33	- 6 5	16	34 21	15	71	4.98	+ 1.3	12	5,624	n.w.	48	s.	15 11 8 10 5.2 18.6	
New Haven.	106	116	155	29.96	30.08	+ .01	26.0	- 2.3	53	15 34	- 3 5	18	32 23	16	68	6.44	+ 2.6	10	7,989	w.	54	se.	1 11 9 9 4.9 20.0	
<i>Mid. Atlantic States.</i>							29.4	- 3.7							73	3.53	- 0.4					5.7		
Albany.	97	102	115	29.98	30.10	+ .03	19.6	- 4.0	54	15 28	- 15 5	11	37 18	14	81	2.77	+ 0.2	11	4,071	s.	22	se.	1 10 9 10 5.2 20.6	
Binghamton.	871	78	90	29.10	30.08	.00	18.8	- 5.9	56	15 26	- 21 5	9	45		72	3.09	+ 1.1	14	5,800	n.w.	35	se.	1 4 7 18 7.4 19.1	
New York.	314	108	350	29.73	30.08	.00	28.1	- 2.6	56	15 35	1 5	21	30 25	19	69	5.36	+ 1.5	11	11,035	w.	58	2 11	10 8 4.9 13.7	
Harrisburg.	374	94	104	29.70	30.12	+ .03	25.6	- 4.3	54	15 32	1 5	19	28 23	18	72	5.01	+ 2.2	10	6,631	w.	42	w.	2 10 9 10 5.5 26.4	
Philadelphia.	117	116	184	29.99	30.12	+ .02	31.2	- 1.6	63	15 38	5 5	24	27 28	23	73	3.21	- 0.3	10	8,467	n.w.	42	se.	15 9 13 7 5.1 10.5	
Seranton.	805	111	119	29.18	30.09	+ .01	25.1	- 3.8	58	15 31	- 7 5	15	35 20	15	71	4.40	+ 1.6	16	6,231	w.	34	s.	15 5 6 18 7.0 16.8	
Atlantic City.	52	37	48	30.06	30.12	+ .01	30.1	- 2.9	49	15 37	6 5	23	28 27	22	72	2.94	- 0.4	10	6,867	n.w.	43	se.	1 8 9 12 6.1 2.8	
Cape May.	17	48	52	30.13	30.15	+ .04	31.2	- 2.9	50	15 37	6 5	25	32 29		72	2.85	- 0.5	11	8,080	n.w.	48	s.	15 7 15 7 5.5 3.4	
Baltimore.	123	100	113	29.98	30.12	+ .01	31.2	- 3.4	66	15 38	9 9	24	28 28	21	67	4.71	+ 1.1	10	5,691	n.w.	32	sw.	1 9 10 10 5.5 12.1	
Washington.	112	59	76	30.00	30.14	+ .03	30.8	- 3.7	67	15 38	6 9	24	30 27	19	64	3.98	+ 0.4	9	10,403	n.	46	w.	2 8 14 7.4 0.3	
Cape Henry.	18	11	58	30.12	30.14	+ .03	38.0	- 3.2	70	15 45	17 3	31	28		72	2.85	- 0.8	10	3,766	n.w.	27	n.w.	20 11 10 8 5.3 12.1	
Lynchburg.	681	83	88	29.33	30.15	+ .04	34.1	- 4.1	63	15 42	12 9	26	30 25	66	72	3.85	- 0.8	10	3,766	n.w.	20	11 10 8 5.3 12.1		
Mount Weather.	1,725	10	54	28.18	30.11	.00	24.6	- 4.5	58	15 31	4 9	18	30 22	19	81	3.85	+ 0.6	11	13,311	n.w.	60	2 10 9 10 5.9 16.8		
Norfolk.	91	102	111	30.04	30.14	+ .03	39.0	- 2.8	68	15 46	19 3	32	27	34	89	2.79	- 1.1	9	7,524	n.	45	sw.	1 9 7 13 5.8 0.3	
Richmond.	144	145	163	29.97	30.14	+ .03	36.6	- 3.3	68	15 45	15 9	28	27		82	3.92	+ 0.7	10	6,368	w.	49	s.	15 9 11 9 5.6 7.8	
Wytheville.	2,293	40	47	27.66	30.15	+ .03	29.4	- 5.7	61	14 37	3 2	22	34	26	23	82	2.56	- 1.7	17	5,975	w.	36	w.	1 7 8 14 6.2 16.7
<i>S. Atlantic States.</i>				44.0			52.4								74	5.53	- 0.6					4.9		
Asheville.	2,255	53	75	27.72	30.17	+ .04	33.4	- 5.1	61	14 42	5 3	25	33 30	28	84	3.10	- 1.7	15	7,995	n.w.	38	n.w.	1 10 5 14 5.5 14.8	
Charlotte.	773	68	79	29.29	30.15	+ .03	38.4	- 5.7	63	14 46	17 3	31	38 23	25	65	3.75	- 0.8	13	5,734	n.	40	sw.	15 8 9 12 6.0 2.1	
Hatteras.	11	12	47	30.12	30.13	+ .02	45.8	- 2.8	62	15 50	25 2	38	41 41	38	83	2.60	- 2.0	9	12,073	n.e.	48	n.w.	2 12 8 9 4.9 T.	
Manteo.							42.3		65	14 50	20 3	35			72	2.40	- 2.0	8				16 7 6 ..		
Raleigh.	376	71	79	29.73	30.15	+ .04	39.2	- 4.1	66	14 48	16 3	31	27	34	68	3.66	- 0.8	10	5,458	w.	32	s.	15 11 11 7 5.0 0.1	
Wilmington.	78	81	91	30.07	30.16	+ .04	45.6	- 2.1	67	15 54	21 3	37	28 41	37	78	5.68	+ 2.2	10	7,311	w.	42	sw.	15 12 9 8 5.0 0.1	
Charleston.	48	14	92	30.10	30.15	+ .03	48.5	- 3.2	68	15 56	26 3	41	44 41	79	81	3.15	- 0.4	8	9,972	n.w.	46	sw.	15 14 8 7 4.1	
Columbia, S. C.	351	41	57	29.76	30.15	+ .04	43.4	- 4.4	69	15 53	20 3	34	32 38	31	68	3.74	- 1.0	12	6,455	w.	40	w.	15 10 8 11 5.7	
Augusta.	180	89	97	29.96	30.16	+ .04	44.6	- 4.4	74	14 54	21 3	35	35 39	33	69	3.75	- 0.8	13	6,325	w.	36	w.	15 14 6 9 4.4	
Savannah.	65																							

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Stations.	Elevation of instruments.		Pressure, in inches.		Temperature of the air, in degrees Fahrenheit.						Precipitation, in inches.		Wind.			Average cloudiness during daylight, tenth.	Total snowfall.														
	Barometer above sea level, feet.		Thermometers above ground.		Actual, reduced to mean of 24 hours.		Sea level, reduced to mean of 24 hours.		Departure from normal.		Mean max. + mean min. + 2.	Departure from normal.	Mean maximum.	Mean minimum.	Date.	Mean wet thermometer.	Mean temperature of the dew-point.	Mean relative humidity, per cent.	Total.	Departure from normal.	Days with 0.1, or more.	Total movement miles.	Prevailing direction.	Miles per hour.	Maximum velocity.						
	Anerometer above ground.										Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean maximum.	Mean minimum.	Greatest daily range.	Mean wet thermometer.	Mean temperature of the dew-point.	Mean relative humidity, per cent.	Total.	Days with 0.1, or more.	Days with 0.1, or more.	Total movement miles.	Prevailing direction.	Direction.	Date.						
<i>Up. Lake Reg.—Cont.</i>																															
Escanaba.	612	40	82	29.37	30.07	+.01	17.8	+.2.5	44	13	25	—5	11	31	16	2.38	+.1.0	12	8,503	n.	37	n.	26	1	12	16	7.4	23.7			
Grand Haven.	632	54	92	29.33	30.05	-.00	22.6	—1.6	47	11	29	1	16	27	18	80	2.84	+.0.8	16	11,221	nw.	50	sw.	5	2	6	21	8.2	20.9		
Grand Rapids.	707	121	162	29.25	30.05	-.00	22.4	—3.1	50	11	29	—1	16	29	20	17	2.69	+.0.7	15	9,921	nw.	44	sw.	5	3	4	22	8.0	17.6		
Houghton.	668	66	74	29.30	30.06	+.01	17.2	+.1.2	47	11	25	—6	24	10	48	1.93	+.0.2	18	5,790	nw.	33	n.	26	0	9	20	8.4	21.9			
Marquette.	734	77	116	29.24	30.07	+.02	18.4	+.2.5	44	11	24	3	2	13	27	17	13	2.63	+.1.8	14	9,518	nw.	46	nw.	26	0	13	16	7.9	34.9	
Port Huron.	638	70	120	29.34	30.05	-.00	20.0	—2.0	45	13	27	—6	9	13	37	18	14	80	3.26	+.1.0	10	9,821	nw.	46	w.	6	10	5	14	6.3	22.1
Sault Sainte Marie.	614	40	61	29.34	30.08	+.05	12.0	—1.4	41	13	20	—21	8	4	35	10	7	83	2.64	+.1.2	13	6,681	nw.	37	e.	5	4	5	20	7.7	24.7
Chicago.	823	140	310	29.15	30.08	-.00	26.7	+.1.3	50	12	32	—2	2	21	29	24	21	79	3.72	+.1.5	11	12,860	nw.	54	w.	5	7	5	17	6.9	19.8
Milwaukee.	681	122	139	29.31	30.08	+.02	23.8	+.1.9	45	12	30	—7	2	18	29	22	19	81	2.87	+.0.9	10	9,899	nw.	50	se.	5	7	5	15	6.2	25.3
Green Bay.	617	49	86	29.36	30.05	—.01	19.0	+.1.8	44	12	27	—11	2	11	30	17	13	77	1.75	+.0.1	9	8,806	nw.	52	ne.	18	2	7	20	7.7	16.9
Duluth.	1,188	11	47	28.79	30.07	—.01	16.2	+.2.6	41	14	24	—12	12	9	29	14	10	78	1.14	+.0.1	7	10,063	nw.	54	nw.	16	10	6	13	5.8	8.8
<i>North Dakota.</i>							14.0	+.7.0																			6.1				
Moorhead.	940	8	57	29.06	30.14	+.03	14.6	+.7.6	40	24	23	—20	1	6	23	14	12	20	2.18	+.1.4	8	6,564	nw.	28	nw.	5	7	10	12	6.0	15.8
Bismarck.	1,674	8	57	28.27	30.14	+.02	16.8	+.8.5	50	23	26	—21	1	7	35	14	10	75	1.07	+.0.6	8	8,332	nw.	40	nw.	24	7	12	10	6.3	10.2
Devils Lake.	1,482	11	44	28.45	30.11	-.00	10.1	+.5.6	42	24	20	—26	1	0	33	9	6	83	2.20	+.1.6	3	9,629	w.	36	nw.	2	12	7	10	5.2	18.2
Williston.	1,875	14	56	28.08	30.10	—.01	14.4	+.6.5	44	23	24	—23	1	5	37	13	11	87	0.39	—.0.1	6	6,848	nw.	36	nw.	24	5	9	15	6.9	3.9
<i>Upper Miss. Valley.</i>							27.0	+.2.4																		5.8					
Minneapolis.	102	208					21.4		52	24	29	—8	1	14	23	19	15	70	0.98	+.0.2	7	10,139	w.	39	nw.	25	10	8	11	5.4	10.6
St. Paul.	837	171	179	29.14	30.09	-.00	21.4	+.6.4	51	24	29	—10	2	14	35	19	15	70	0.87	—.0.0	11	9,158	nw.	37	nw.	25	5	16	8	6.1	5.7
La Crosse.	714	71	87	29.28	30.09	+.01	22.6	+.4.2	50	24	31	—11	2	15	39	17	11	71	+.0.6	9	4,989	nw.	22	s.	12	7	4	18	6.7	11.1	
Madison.	974	70	78	28.97	30.08	+.01	21.4	+.1.8	46	12	28	—10	2	14	31	19	15	79	1.79	+.0.2	9	9,481	nw.	54	ne.	19	8	3	18	6.5	11.4
Charles City.	1,015	8	49	28.97	30.10	-.00	21.5	+.6.4	48	24	30	—9	2	13	38	20	18	87	1.44	+.0.4	8	6,806	nw.	28	sw.	24	6	7	16	6.9	12.5
Davenport.	606	71	79	29.40	30.10	-.00	26.1	+.2.3	55	12	33	—4	2	19	31	23	20	80	2.37	+.0.8	10	7,795	nw.	33	nw.	5	13	4	12	5.4	13.9
Des Moines.	861	84	101	29.14	30.09	—.02	26.1	+.2.0	48	12	33	—5	2	19	39	24	20	77	1.51	+.0.4	7	7,591	nw.	30	n.	18	9	8	12	6.1	10.4
Dubuque.	698	100	117	29.32	30.11	+.02	24.0	+.2.4	52	12	32	—8	2	16	37	22	18	79	1.87	+.0.4	8	6,341	nw.	28	n.	19	11	5	13	5.6	13.6
Keokuk.	614	64	77	29.40	30.11	-.00	28.9	+.2.3	59	12	36	—2	2	22	30	25	22	79	2.86	+.1.2	9	7,630	nw.	38	w.	5	15	5	9	4.4	13.5
Cairo.	356	87	98	29.73	30.13	+.01	39.0	+.4	65	14	46	10	2	32	28	35	29	71	6.98	+.3.5	15	8,249	w.	43	se.	18	7	8	14	6.6	1.2
La Salle.	536	56	64	29.50	30.10	+.02	29.8	+.0.8	52	12	32	—4	2	19	19	28	28	76	2.76	+.0.2	10	8,545	w.	34	w.	5	9	8	12	5.8	14.8
Peoria.	609	11	45	29.41	30.10	-.00	27.0	+.1.1	55	12	34	—3	2	20	35	24	20	78	9.98	+.1.2	9	8,997	nw.	42	w.	5	13	6	10	4.7	12.3
Springfield, Ill.	644	10	22	29.38	30.09	—.01	29.7	+.0.6	52	12	36	—2	2	23	30	26	22	75	4.28	+.1.4	10	8,814	nw.	33	w.	1	11	5	13	5.7	17.2
Hannibal.	534	75	109	29.49	30.09	—.02	30.2	+.1.1	61	12	38	—1	2	23	30	27	25	75	4.05	+.2.4	12	9,102	nw.	39	sw.	12	11	6	12	5.3	11.9
St. Louis.	567	206	217	29.45	30.08	—.03	34.3	+.0.8	62	29	42	6	2	27	30	31	27	75	3.39	+.0.5	13	9,315	nw.	44	w.	5	12	5	12	5.7	4.4
<i>Missouri Valley.</i>							29.3	+.4.9																		5.6					
Columbia, Mo.	784	11	84	29.24	30.10	—.01	35.1	+.3.0	71	29																					

TABLE I.—Climatological data for U. S. Weather Bureau stations, February, 1908—Continued.

Stations.	Elevation of instruments.		Pressure, in inches.		Temperature of the air, in degrees Fahrenheit.										Precipitation, in inches.		Wind.		Clear days.	Partly cloudy days.	Cloudy days.	Average cloudiness during daylight, tenths.	Total snowfall.								
	Barometer above sea level, feet.	Thermometers above ground.	Actual, reduced to mean of 24 hours.	Sea level, reduced to mean of 24 hours.	Departure from normal.	Mean max. + mean min. + 2.	Departure from normal.	Maximum.	Date.	Mean maximum.	Minimum.	Date.	Mean minimum.	Greatest daily range.	Mean wet thermometer.	Mean temperature of the dew-point.	Mean relative humidity, per cent.	Total.	Departure from normal.	Days with .01, or more.	Total movement, miles.	Prevailing direction.	Maximum velocity.								
	A N e c o m e t e r above ground.	A N e c o m e t e r above ground.	Actual, reduced to mean of 24 hours.	Sea level, reduced to mean of 24 hours.	Departure from normal.	Mean max. + mean min. + 2.	Departure from normal.	Maximum.	Date.	Mean maximum.	Minimum.	Date.	Mean minimum.	Greatest daily range.	Mean wet thermometer.	Mean temperature of the dew-point.	Mean relative humidity, per cent.	Total.	Departure from normal.	Days with .01, or more.	Total movement, miles.	Prevailing direction.	Maximum velocity.								
N. P. Coast Reg—Cont.																															
Tatoosh Island.....	86	7	57	29.89	29.99	— .01	42.4	+ 1.4	51	16	46	34	37	12	40	36	80	9.77	+ 0.8	21	11,733	e.	56	s.	5	7	2	20	7.3	0.1	
Portland, Oreg.....	153	68	106	29.91	30.08	.00	42.8	+ 1.5	60	22	48	25	32	21	40	35	76	2.85	— 3.1	18	4,899	s.	33	s.	5	3	5	21	7.8	1.8	
Roseburg.....	510	9	57	29.82	30.08	— .02	42.4	— 0.2	65	25	52	23	33	39	36	79	3.53	— 1.2	17	1,929	s.	18	se.	29	8	12	9	5.9			
Md. Pac. Coast Reg.																															
Eureka.....	62	62	80	30.03	30.10	— .01	46.0	+ 0.8	60	20	52	33	13	40	24	42	86	6.59	+ 0.7	16	4,837	se.	48	n.	19	7	12	10	6.0		
Mount Tamalpais.....	2,375	11	18	27.56	30.07	— .03	42.9	— .6	65	26	48	32	12	38	18	41	39	88	5.70	+ 1.8	11	11,873	nw.	60	nw.	17	11	9	9	5.3	T.
Point Reyes Light.....	490	7	18	29.51	30.03	— .00	49.0	— .6	61	15	53	39	11	45	15	—	—	3.38	—	9	16,807	nw.	73	n.	9	4	13	12	6.5		
Red Bluff.....	332	56	56	29.69	30.06	— .05	48.2	— 1.1	73	25	57	32	1	40	33	44	40	76	6.03	+ 2.3	10	4,349	se.	28	s.	29	12	6	11	5.1	
Sacramento.....	69,106	117	30.01	30.08	— .01	49.2	— 1.0	68	26	56	38	18	42	23	46	43	81	2.75	— 0.5	9	6,047	se.	31	ne.	8	8	12	9	5.3		
San Francisco.....	155,200	204	29.91	30.08	— .02	50.9	— 0.4	65	25	56	40	3	45	21	46	42	76	5.39	+ 1.6	9	4,467	w.	31	sw.	29	11	12	6	4.6		
San Jose.....	141	78	88	29.93	30.08	— .00	49.4	— 1.2	70	26	58	30	13	41	32	—	—	2.46	— 1.4	12	4,084	nw.	36	se.	8	11	9	9	4.9		
Southwest Farallon.....	30	9	17	30.04	30.07	— .00	50.4	— .6	58	14	53	44	9	48	11	—	—	4.79	+ 0.9	10	12,537	n.	54	sw.	29	9	10	10	5.7		
S. Pac. Coast Reg.																															
Fresno.....	330	67	70	29.73	30.10	+ .02	49.4	+ 0.2	75	26	59	32	13	40	33	45	40	74	1.75	+ 0.4	7	1,866	e.	9	sw.	9	13	6	10	4.9	
Los Angeles.....	338	116	123	29.69	30.06	.00	54.2	+ 0.1	84	26	64	37	14	45	35	48	43	72	3.66	+ 0.6	7	3,445	ne.	24	ne.	12	9	8	12	5.9	
San Diego.....	87	94	102	29.97	30.07	+ .01	54.0	— 0.6	68	18	60	37	13	48	21	49	44	72	2.41	+ 0.4	8	4,108	nw.	35	s.	3	19	6	4	3.4	
San Luis Obispo.....	201	47	54	29.88	30.10	— .01	50.2	— 2.3	79	26	60	32	14	41	37	46	42	77	3.59	0.0	10	3,369	nw.	22	se.	9	8	8	13	6.1	
West Indies.....																															
Grand Turk.....	11	6	20	30.04	30.05	— .01	74.8	—	85	21	81	63	17	69	—	—	—	—	5.71	—	21	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
San Juan.....	82	48	90	29.95	30.04	— .01	75.2	—	86	28	81	67	15	69	17	69	67	79	2.84	+ 0.4	18	6,960	e.	31	e.	10	9	14	6	4.9	
Ancon.....	74	—	—	29.80	29.88	—	81.8	—	95	1	92	69	23	71	23	72	70	77	0.24	—	1	6,840	nw.	25	n.	22	13	16	0	3.6	
Bas Obispo.....	40	—	—	29.72	29.90	—	77.4	—	88	28	86	64	25	68	23	71	68	83	0.11	—	4	4,345	nw.	29	nw.	11	6	22	1	4.5	
Naos.....	—	—	—	29.89	29.91	—	79.6	—	84	1	83	72	15	77	11	74	72	78	1.08	—	15	11,740	ne.	31	n.	20	14	15	0	3.6	

\* More than one date. † Record incomplete.

TABLE II.—Accumulated amounts of precipitation for each 5 minutes, for storms in which the rate of fall equaled or exceeded 0.25 in any 5 minutes, or 0.80 inch in 1 hour, during February, 1908, at all stations furnished with self-registering gages.

Stations.	Date.	Total duration.		Total amount of precipitation.	Excessive rate.		Amount before excessive began.	Amount before excessive began.	Depths of precipitation (in inches) during periods of time indicated.												
		From—	To—		Began—	Ended—			5 min.	10 min.	15 min.	20 min.	25 min.	30 min.	35 min.	40 min.	45 min.	50 min.	60 min.	80 min.	100 min.
Abilene, Tex.....	11	19		0.07	—	—	—	—	0.02	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Albany, N. Y.....	5-6			0.74	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Alpena, Mich.....	11			0.10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Amarillo, Tex.....	14			1.26	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Anniston, Ala.....	14			0.99	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Asheville, N. C.....	14-15			1.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Atlanta, Ga.....	14	4:25 p. m.	D. N.	1.50	8:55 p. m.	9:20 p. m.	0.76	0.22	0.27	0.34	0.44	0.50	0.53	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Atlantic City, N. J.....	19			1.06	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Augusta, Ga.....	10			2.34	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Baltimore, Md.....	14-15			0.38	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bentonville, Ark.....	14			1.97	—	—	—														

TABLE II.—Accumulated amounts of precipitation for each 5 minutes, etc.—Continued.

Stations.	Date.	Total duration.		Total amount of precipitation.	Excessive rate.		Amount before excessive began.	Depths of precipitation (in inches) during periods of time indicated.													
		From—	To—		Began—	Ended—		5 min.	10 min.	15 min.	20 min.	25 min.	30 min.	35 min.	40 min.	45 min.	50 min.	60 min.	80 min.	100 min.	120 min.
Hartford, Conn.	1			1.11															*		
Hatteras, N. C.	14-15			0.81															0.48		
Huron, S. Dak.	17-18			0.42														*			
Indianapolis, Ind.	4-5			1.48														*			
Iola, Kans.	18			0.68														0.29			
Jacksonville, Fla.	1	3:50 a. m.	6:30 a. m.	0.89	3:57 a. m.	4:26 a. m.	0.02	0.11	0.25	0.44	0.53	0.64	0.70								
Jupiter, Fla.	15	9:47 a. m.	12:10 p. m.	1.06	10:34 a. m.	10:59 a. m.	0.07	0.14	0.27	0.37	0.66	0.89									
Kansas City, Mo.	13-14			1.41														0.32			
Keokuk, Iowa	18			0.91														*			
Key West, Fla.	9-10			0.99														0.37			
Knoxville, Tenn.	13-14			1.14														0.30			
La Crosse, Wis.	4-5			0.58														*			
La Salle, Ill.	18-19			0.82														*			
Lexington, Ky.	14			2.28														0.41			
Lincoln, Nebr.	17-18			1.02														*			
Little Rock, Ark.	4-5			0.62														0.32			
Los Angeles, Cal.	9	D. N.	10:12 a. m.	1.28	6:32 a. m.	6:37 a. m.	0.48	0.06	0.20	0.36	0.42	0.47									
Louisville, Ky.	14			1.29														0.32			
Lynchburg, Va.	14-15			0.73														0.21			
Macon, Ga.	14-15			0.68														0.40			
Madison, Wis.	4-5			0.80														*			
Marquette, Mich.	25-26			0.80														*			
Memphis, Tenn.	13-14			1.43														*			
Meridian, Miss.	14	10:20 a. m.	8:05 p. m.	2.58	10:33 a. m.	12:02 p. m.	0.02	0.16	0.36	0.40	0.41	0.42	0.46	0.47	0.50	0.69	0.75	0.89	1.69		
Milwaukee, Wis.	18-19			1.20														*			
Minneapolis, Minn.	4-5			0.57														*			
Mobile, Ala.	14			0.43														0.31			
Montgomery, Ala.	13-14			1.13														0.51			
Mount Weather, Va.	25-26			1.02														*			
Nantucket, Mass.	15			0.63														0.46			
Nashville, Tenn.	14			1.02														0.43			
New Haven, Conn.	19-20			2.31														0.57			
New Orleans, La.	5			0.61														0.46			
New York, N. Y.	19			2.03														0.43			
Norfolk, Va.	26			0.63														0.47			
Northfield, Vt.	1			1.15														*			
North Head, Wash.	4-5			1.00														0.35			
Oklahoma City, Okla.	13-14			0.98														0.43			
Omaha, Nebr.	17-18			0.80														*			
Palestine, Tex.	24			0.84														0.37			
Parkersburg, W. Va.	14-15			1.10														*			
Pensacola, Fla.	18-19	3:15 p. m.	1:25 a. m.	0.91	10:25 p. m.	10:50 p. m.	0.35	0.07	0.15	0.29	0.39	0.47									
Peoria, Ill.	14			1.21														*			
Philadelphia, Pa.	19			0.98														0.26			
Pittsburgh, Pa.	5			0.80														*			
Portland, Me.	15			0.43														0.13			
Portland, Oreg.	4-5			1.16														0.32			
Pueblo, Colo.	24			0.27														*			
Raleigh, N. C.	19			0.78														0.23			
Richmond, Va.	15			0.20														*			
Rochester, N. Y.	14-15			0.61														*			
Sacramento, Cal.	8-9			0.70														0.29			
St. Louis, Mo.	14			1.13														0.18			
St. Paul, Minn.	4-5			0.36														*			
Salt Lake City, Utah	10-11			0.65														0.28			
San Antonio, Tex.	8	7:05 a. m.	3:15 p. m.	1.41	12:47 p. m.	1:17 p. m.	0.45	0.22	0.34	0.48	0.50	0.54	0.64					*			
San Diego, Cal.	9			0.88														0.30			
Sandusky, Ohio	14-15			1.31														*			
San Francisco, Calif.	8-9			0.95														0.30			
Savannah, Ga.	10-11			1.78														0.41			
Scranton, Pa.	25-26			1.34														0.20			
Seattle, Wash.	4-5			1.25														0.25			
Shreveport, La.	4-5			0.75														*			
Spokane, Wash.	4-5			0.26														*			
Springfield, Ill.	14			1.30														*			
Springfield, Mo.	13-14			2.25														*			
Syracuse, N. Y.	14-15			0.43														*			
Tampa, Fla.	15			0.21														0.20			
Taylor, Tex.	8	6:00 a. m.	7:10 p. m.	2.68	4:14 p. m.	4:44 p. m.	1.46	0.12	0.31	0.38	0.49	0.62	0.70								
Thomasville, Ga.	31-1	10:40 p. m.	2:20 a. m.	1.84	12:17 a. m.	12:52 a. m.	0.20	0.25	0.32	0.38	1.22	1.36	1.45	1.62					0.26		
Toledo, Ohio	14-15			1.96														0.16			
Topeka, Kans.	18			0.69														*			
Valentine, Nebr.	11-12			0.15														*			
Vicksburg, Miss.	12	6:52 a. m.	D. N.	3.																	

TABLE III.—Data furnished by the Canadian Meteorological Service, February, 1908.

Stations.	Pressure, in inches.						Temperature.						Precipitation.						Stations.	Pressure, in inches.						Temperature.						Precipitation.					
	Actual, reduced to mean of 24 hours.	Sea level, reduced to mean of 24 hours.	Departure from normal.	Mean.	Departure from normal.	Mean maximum.	Mean minimum.	Total.	Departure from normal.	Mean maximum.	Mean minimum.	Total snowfall.	Actual, reduced to mean of 24 hours.	Sea level, reduced to mean of 24 hours.	Departure from normal.	Mean.	Departure from normal.	Mean maximum.	Mean minimum.	Total.	Departure from normal.	Mean.	Departure from normal.	Mean maximum.	Mean minimum.	Total.	Departure from normal.	Total snowfall.									
	In.	In.	In.	o	o	o	o	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.								
St. Johns, N. F.	29.86	30.00	+ .17	27.0	+ 5.0	32.8	21.2	5.23	+ 0.32	15.0			Parry Sound, Ont.	29.32	30.06	+ .05	10.7	—	3.6	21.8	0.1	5.40	+ 2.48	54.0													
Sydney, C. B. I.	29.97	30.01	+ .09	24.3	+ 5.0	32.2	16.4	5.92	+ 0.99	8.0			Port Arthur, Ont.	29.36	30.10	+ .06	13.0	+ 6.6	22.6	3.3	1.67	+ 0.77	6.5														
Halifax, N. S.	29.91	30.02	+ .07	24.0	+ 1.6	31.9	16.0	6.13	+ 0.67	11.9			Winnipeg, Man.	29.26	30.14	+ .04	8.7	+ 10.3	18.2	—	0.7	1.80	+ 0.82	17.5													
Grand Manan, N. B.	29.93	29.99	+ .01	24.2	+ 0.8	32.5	15.9	3.35	+ 0.93	2.8			Minnedosa, Man.	28.19	30.11	+ .02	10.1	+ 12.8	20.0	0.2	0.59	+ 0.02	5.9														
Yarmouth, N. S.	29.93	30.00	+ .01	25.4	+ 0.4	32.8	18.0	3.17	+ 1.68	10.9			Regina, Sask.	28.00			9.5	+ 10.1	18.7	0.3	1.00	+ 0.27	10.0														
Charlottetown, P. E. I.	29.93	29.97	+ .02	19.6	+ 2.0	27.2	12.1	3.02	+ 0.19	17.0			Medicine Hat, Alberta.																								
Chatham, N. B.	29.95	29.98	+ .02	15.5	+ 3.0	27.3	3.8	3.79	+ 0.32	14.9			Swift Current, Sask.	27.43	30.13	+ .06	14.8	+ 6.8	23.5	6.1	1.42	+ 0.68	14.2														
Father Point, Que.	29.94	29.97	— .01	12.2	+ 0.7	20.2	4.2	8.14	+ 0.41	25.2			Calgary, Alberta.	26.37	30.04	+ .05	22.3	+ 8.8	33.5	11.1	0.29	+ 0.84	2.9														
Quebec, Que.	29.67	30.01	+ .02	10.8	+ 1.0	18.6	3.0	6.22	+ 2.96	47.1			Banff, Alberta.	25.31	30.11	+ .03	17.5	+ 1.7	28.0	7.0	1.03	+ 0.11	10.3														
Montreal, Que.	29.82	30.05	+ .03	12.2	+ 2.3	19.4	5.0	6.22	+ 2.43	40.6			Edmonton, Alberta.	27.64	30.02	+ .00	17.8	+ 9.5	27.4	8.1	0.57	+ 0.10	5.5														
Rockliffe, Ont.	29.42	30.06	+ .05	6.4	+ 3.5	19.5	— 6.6	2.75	+ 0.69	27.5			Prince Albert, Sask.	28.41	30.04	+ .05	9.8	+ 12.8	21.0	— 1.4	2.15	+ 1.46	21.5														
Ottawa, Ont.	29.78	30.13	+ .11	10.9	+ 0.8	18.8	3.0	4.33	+ 1.61	34.2			Battleford, Sask.	28.25	30.08	+ .01	9.4	+ 9.3	19.1	— 0.2	1.01	+ 0.64	9.7														
Kingston, Ont.	29.75	30.09	+ .05	13.4	+ 4.4	22.6	4.0	3.52	+ 0.88	24.1			Kamloops, B. C.	28.71	29.96	.00	24.9	+ 3.4	31.9	17.9	0.97	+ 0.18	—														
Toronto, Ont.	29.66	30.06	+ .02	19.3	+ 2.2	27.8	11.2	3.77	+ 1.13	26.0			Victoria, B. C.	29.91	30.01	+ .01	41.0	+ 1.5	45.9	36.1	4.32	+ 0.22	—														
White River, Ont.													Barkerville, B. C.																								
Port Stanley, Ont.	29.41	30.08	+ .02	19.5	+ 3.3	28.0	11.0	4.45	+ 1.24	31.1			Hamilton, Bermuda.	30.01	30.18	+ .07	58.8	+ 2.7	64.5	53.0	5.78	+ 1.34	—														
Southampton, Ont.	29.33												Dawson, Yukon																								

TABLE IV.—Heights of rivers referred to zeros of gages, February, 1908.

Stations.	Distance to mouth of river.	Flood stage on gage.	Highest water.		Lowest water.		Mean stage.	Monthly range.	Stations.	Distance to mouth of river.	Flood stage on gage.	Highest water.		Lowest water.		Mean stage.	Monthly range.	
			Height.	Date.	Height.	Date.						Height.	Date.	Height.	Date.			
Republican River.	Miles.	Feet.	Feet.		Feet.		Feet.		French Broad River.	Miles.	Feet.	Feet.		Feet.		Feet.		Feet.
Clay Center, Kans. (7).	42	18	7.5		25		6.1	2.0	Asheville, N. C.	144	4	5.9		15	0.3	1-3	1.7	5.6
Smoky Hill-Kansas River.									Dandridge, Tenn. (1)	46	12	8.4		16	1.7	5	3.0	6.7
Abilene, Kans.	254	22	0.9	21	0.0	1	0.5	0.9	Knoxville, Tenn.	635	12	15.2		16	2.7	5	5.3	12.5
Manhattan, Kans.	160	18	4.5	28	2.4	1.2	3.2	2.1	Loudon, Tenn.	590	25	13.0		16,17	2.1	5,6	5.0	10.9
Topeka, Kans. (5).	87	21	6.2	14-18,21-24	5.6	4.5	6.0	0.6	Kingston, Tenn.	556	25	15.4		16	4.7	1,6	6.8	10.7
Missouri River.									Chattanooga, Tenn.	462	55	24.8		17	6.8	1	11.1	18.0
Bismarck, N. Dak.	1,309	14	4.7	25,26	2.2	20	3.3	2.5	Bridgeport, Ala.	402	24	19.9		17	4.9	1	9.0	15.0
Pierre, S. Dak. (2).	1,114	14							Guntersville, Ala.	349	31	27.1		19	7.7	1	14.9	19.4
Sioux City, Iowa.	784	17	8.9	2	7.7	22	8.2	1.2	Florence, Ala.	255	16	17.0		19,20	4.9	1	9.9	12.1
Blair, Nebr.	705	15	7.9	21	5.1	1,12	6.5	2.8	Riverton, Ala.	225	26	28.3		20	7.2	1	16.8	21.1
Omaha, Nebr. (10)	669	18	11.1	21	6.1	1	10.2	5.0	Johnsonville, Tenn.	95	21	27.1		22	7.6	1	18.5	19.5
St. Joseph, Mo.	481	10	3.4	27	2.0	7	0.4	5.4	Pittsburgh, Pa.	966	22	30.7		16	2.5	5	8.0	28.2
Kansas City, Mo. (6)	388	21	12.6	24	5.7	14	8.2	6.9	Corapolis, Pa.	956	25	31.1		16	4.0	2,5	9.1	27.1
Glasgow, Mo.	231	18	7.4	29	0.9	5	1.1	6.5	Beaver Dam, Pa.	925	27	41.3		16	6.4	5,6	13.3	34.9
Boonville, Mo.	199	20	9.8	27	5.7	1	8.2	4.1	Wheeling, W. Va.	875	36	42.8		17	6.2	3	13.9	36.6
Hermann, Mo. (2)	103	24	12.0	19	4.0	4,5,10,11	7.7	8.0	Parkersburg, W. Va.	785	36	41.2		18	8.0	5	16.6	33.2
Minnesota River.									Point Pleasant, W. Va.	703	39	45.7		19	7.7	5	20.7	38.0
Mankato, Minn.	127	18	3.8	21	2.4	1-10	3.0	1.4	Huntington, W. Va.	660	50	48.1		19	12.5	5	25.4	35.6
St. Croix River.									Catlettsburg, Ky.	651	50	49.2		19	13.2	5	25.9	36.0
Stillwater, Minn. (20)	23	11							Portsmouth, Ohio.	612	50	50.9		19				

TABLE IV.—Heights of rivers referred to zeros of gages—Continued.

Figures denote number of days frozen. (o) 15 days missing.

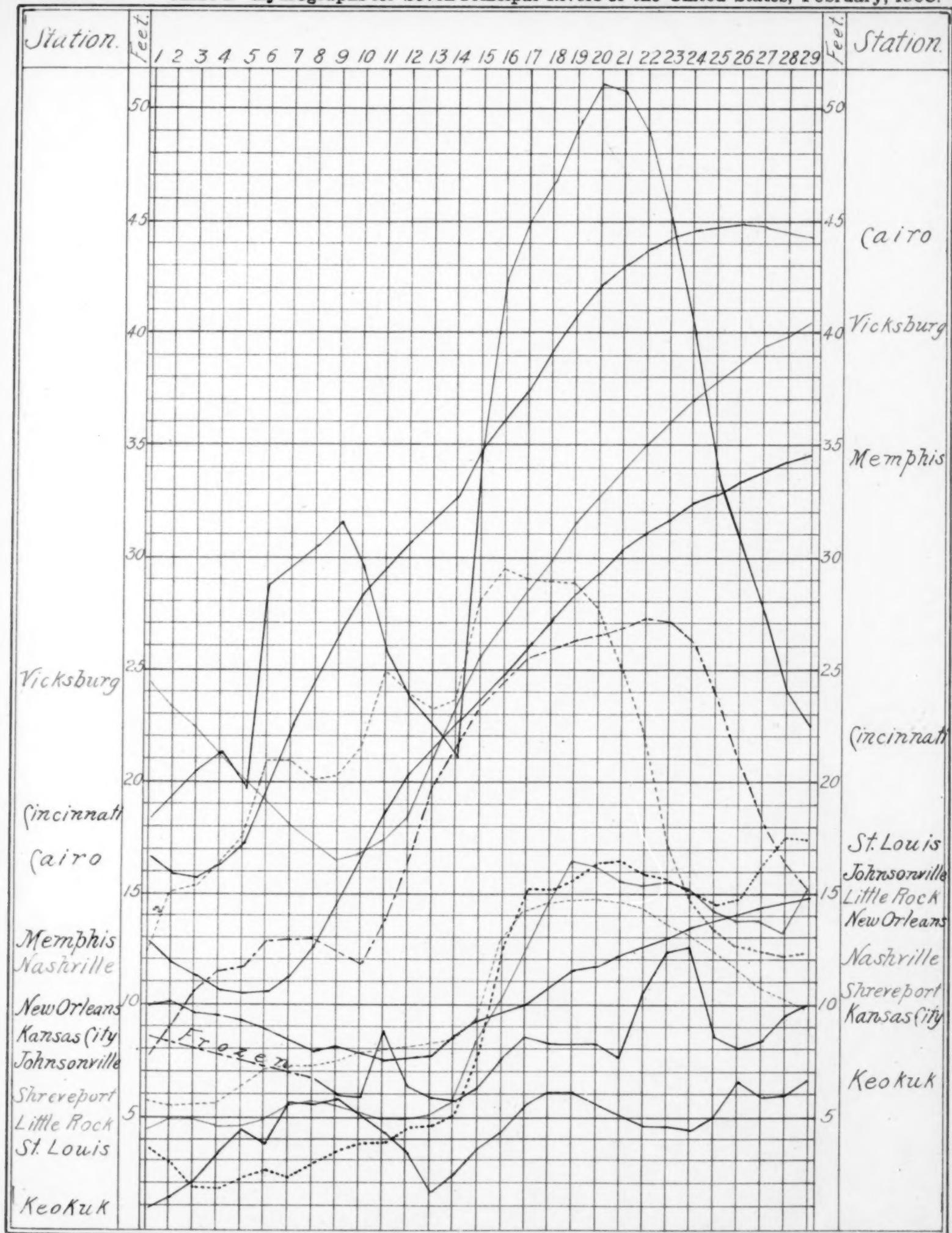
Honolulu, T. H., latitude  $21^{\circ} 19'$  north, longitude  $157^{\circ} 30'$  west; barometer above sea, 38 feet; gravity correction,  $-0.057$  inch, applied. February, 1908.

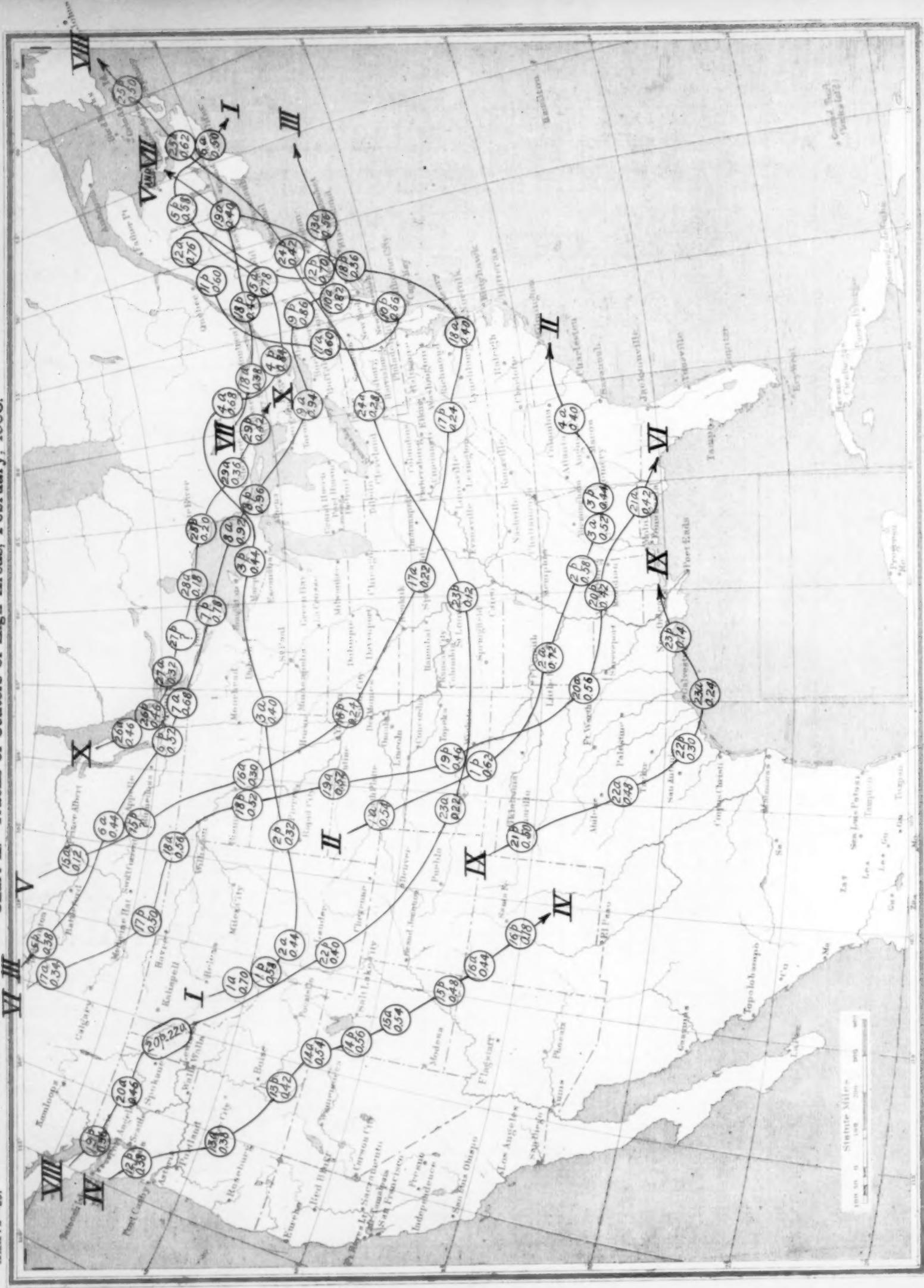
Day.	Pressure, in inches *		Air temperature, degrees Fahrenheit.				Moisture.			Wind, in miles per hour.			Precipitation, inches.		Clouds.					
	8 a. m.	8 p. m.	8 a. m.	8 p. m.	Maximum.	Minimum.	Wet.	Relative humidity.	Wet.	Relative humidity.	8 a. m.	8 p. m.	8 a. m.	8 p. m.	8 a. m.	8 p. m.	8 a. m.	8 p. m.		
1	30.08	30.06	71.2	71.5	77	64	64.2	68	65.0	70	ne.	8	n.	3	0.09	0.11	2	Cu.	ne.	
2	30.06	30.02	70.0	69.5	73	68	61.0	59	60.5	59	ne.	13	ne.	12	0.00	0.00	3	Cu.-n.	se.	
3	30.00	30.01	70.0	63.5	74	64	63.5	70	62.0	92	e.	2	ne.	6	0.05	0.43	2	Cu.	ne.	
4	30.07	30.09	71.0	71.5	77	66	65.0	72	65.0	70	n.	4	e.	3	0.08	0.00	1	A.-s.	sw.	
5	30.14	30.12	71.0	72.0	76	65	64.0	68	64.0	65	e.	9	e.	10	0.10	0.04	7	A.-s.	nw.	
6	30.11	30.08	71.7	67.5	73	66	64.2	67	65.0	88	e.	9	ne.	9	0.01	0.11	10	Cu.	ne.	
7	30.06	30.06	70.5	71.5	75	67	64.5	72	65.0	70	ne.	8	e.	9	0.02	T.	4	Cu.	e.	
8	30.08	30.08	73.2	71.2	78	68	65.0	64	66.0	76	e.	7	ne.	20	0.03	0.02	5	A.-cu.	sw.	
9	30.07	30.04	71.1	69.0	76	68	67.0	80	66.0	85	e.	15	e.	8	0.01	0.51	2	Cu.	ne.	
10	30.08	30.06	69.0	70.0	77	65	66.0	85	68.0	90	e.	7	nw.	6	0.89	0.30	9	A.-cu.	se.	
11	30.09	30.09	72.0	73.0	77	67	66.2	74	69.0	82	se.	3	ne.	12	T.	0.00	0	0	S.	ne.
12	30.15	30.15	75.0	72.0	80	70	67.7	67	67.5	79	ne.	2	ne.	5	0.00	T.	1	Cu.	e.	
13	30.17	30.14	74.4	72.5	78	70	67.0	68	66.0	71	e.	4	ne.	9	0.00	0.00	3	Cu.	e.	
14	30.14	30.12	73.0	71.5	78	69	65.2	66	64.0	66	e.	8	e.	6	0.00	0.00	7	Cu.	Few	
15	30.11	30.10	73.6	71.5	77	70	64.2	60	65.0	70	ne.	3	e.	8	0.00	0.00	2	Cu.	ne.	
16	30.12	30.11	72.0	71.5	76	68	63.0	61	64.5	68	e.	7	e.	18	0.00	0.00	1	A.-s.	0	
17	30.15	30.13	72.0	71.7	77	70	62.2	58	64.0	66	e.	18	ne.	8	0.00	0.00	5	Cu.	e.	
18	30.13	30.08	72.5	71.0	78	68	62.0	55	63.0	64	e.	11	e.	13	T.	0.00	Few	Cu.	2 Cl.	
19	30.11	30.08	73.2	70.5	78	68	61.2	50	64.0	70	e.	3	e.	2	0.00	0.00	1	Ci.-s.	ne.	
20	30.06	30.05	71.0	71.5	77	65	64.0	68	61.0	66	ne.	3	se.	1	0.00	0.00	1	Ci.	s.	
21	30.06	30.07	71.2	70.0	76	65	64.2	68	64.0	72	n.	2	ne.	3	0.00	0.00	2	Ci.-cu.	ne.	
22	30.07	30.02	75.2	72.0	78	66	66.1	62	65.0	69	e.	12	e.	2	0.00	0.00	4	Cu.	e.	
23	30.06	30.01	74.0	70.0	78	66	66.0	65	65.5	79	e.	3	n.	3	0.00	0.00	1	A.-s.	0	
24	30.00	29.95	73.0	71.5	78	66	63.3	58	63.0	62	ne.	2	e.	5	0.00	0.00	2	A.-cu.	e.	
25	29.98	29.94	73.0	68.5	77	67	67.0	73	67.0	92	e.	4	e.	6	0.00	0.25	6	A.-cu.	se.	
26	29.98	29.95	73.7	72.5	76	69	67.0	70	69.0	84	s.	12	ne.	2	0.01	0.09	2	Cl.-cu.	0	
27	29.94	29.91	74.2	69.5	75	68	68.2	74	67.0	88	w.	3	ne.	3	0.00	0.29	1	Cu.	s.	
28	29.91	29.90	73.0	70.0	77	66	66.0	69	63.0	68	ne.	4	ne.	9	0.00	T.	9	S.-cu.	s.	
29	29.94	29.95	71.0	71.8	80	65	63.6	66	64.0	66	s.	2	n.	3	0.00	0.00	Few	Cu.	0	
30	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	
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Mean...	30.066	30.047	72.3	70.7	76.8	67.0	64.8	66.8	65.0	74.0	e.	6.1	ne., e.	6.7	1.29	2.15	4.3	Cu.	e.	
																		5.1	Cu., ne.	

Observations are made at 8 a. m. and 8 p. m., local standard time, which is that of  $157^{\circ} 30'$  west, and is  $5^{\circ}$  and  $30^{\circ}$  slower than 75th meridian time. \*Pressure values are reduced to sea level and standard gravity.



Chart I. Hydrographs for Seven Principal Rivers of the United States, February, 1908.





XI Chart III. Tracks of Centers of Low Areas, February, 1908.

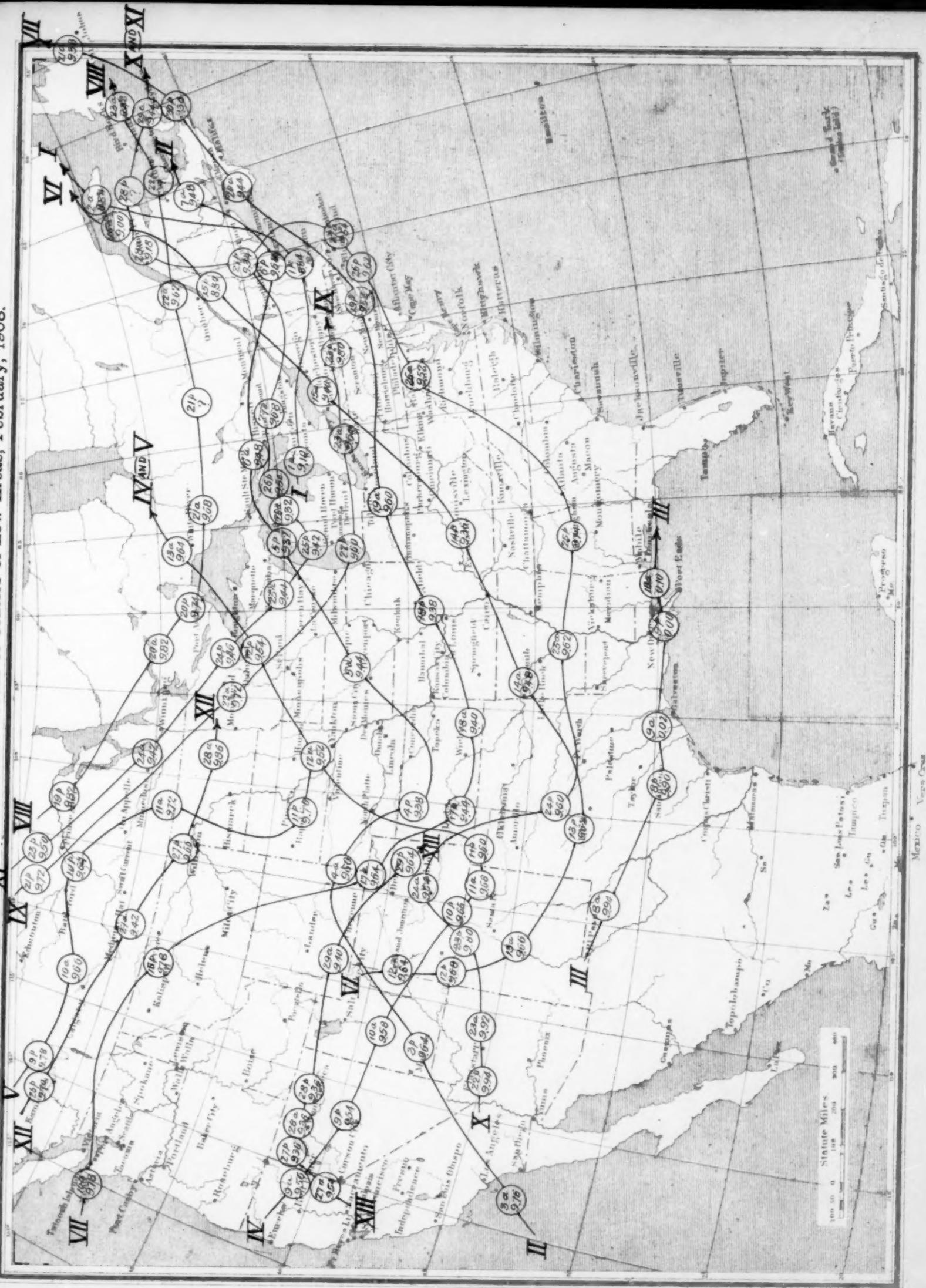


Chart IV. Total Precipitation, February, 1908.

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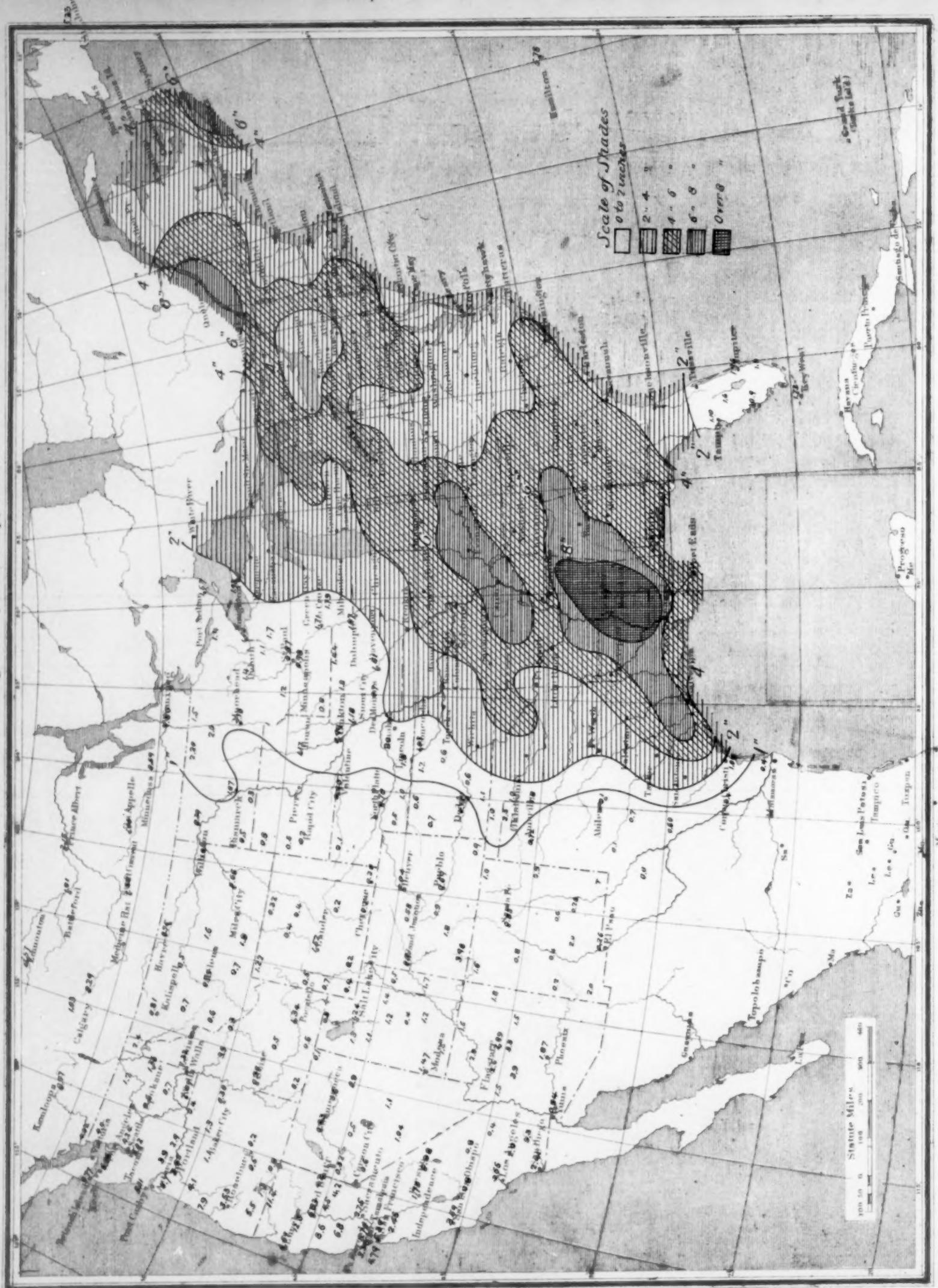
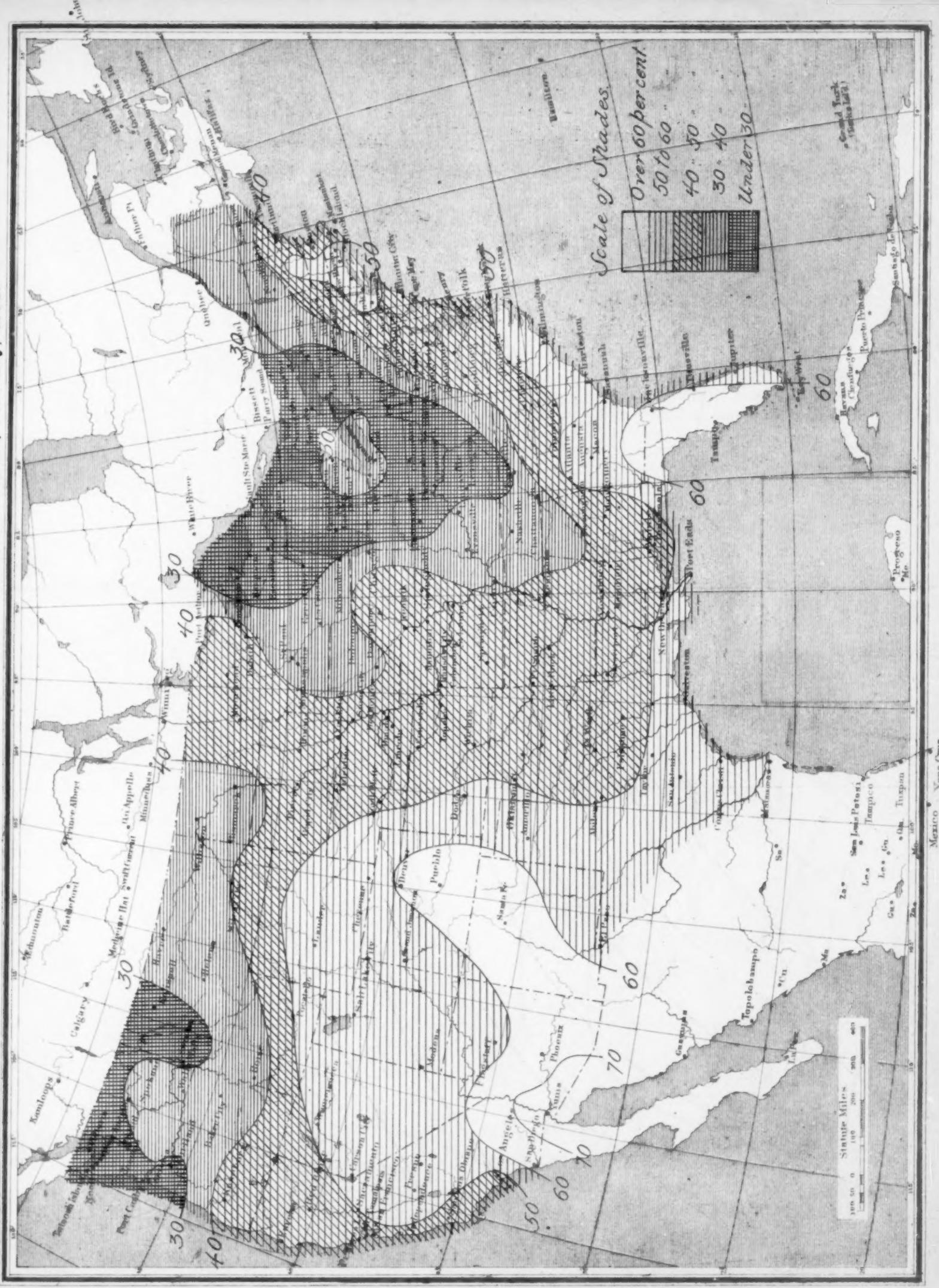


Chart V. Percentage of Clear Sky between Sunrise and Sunset February 1908.

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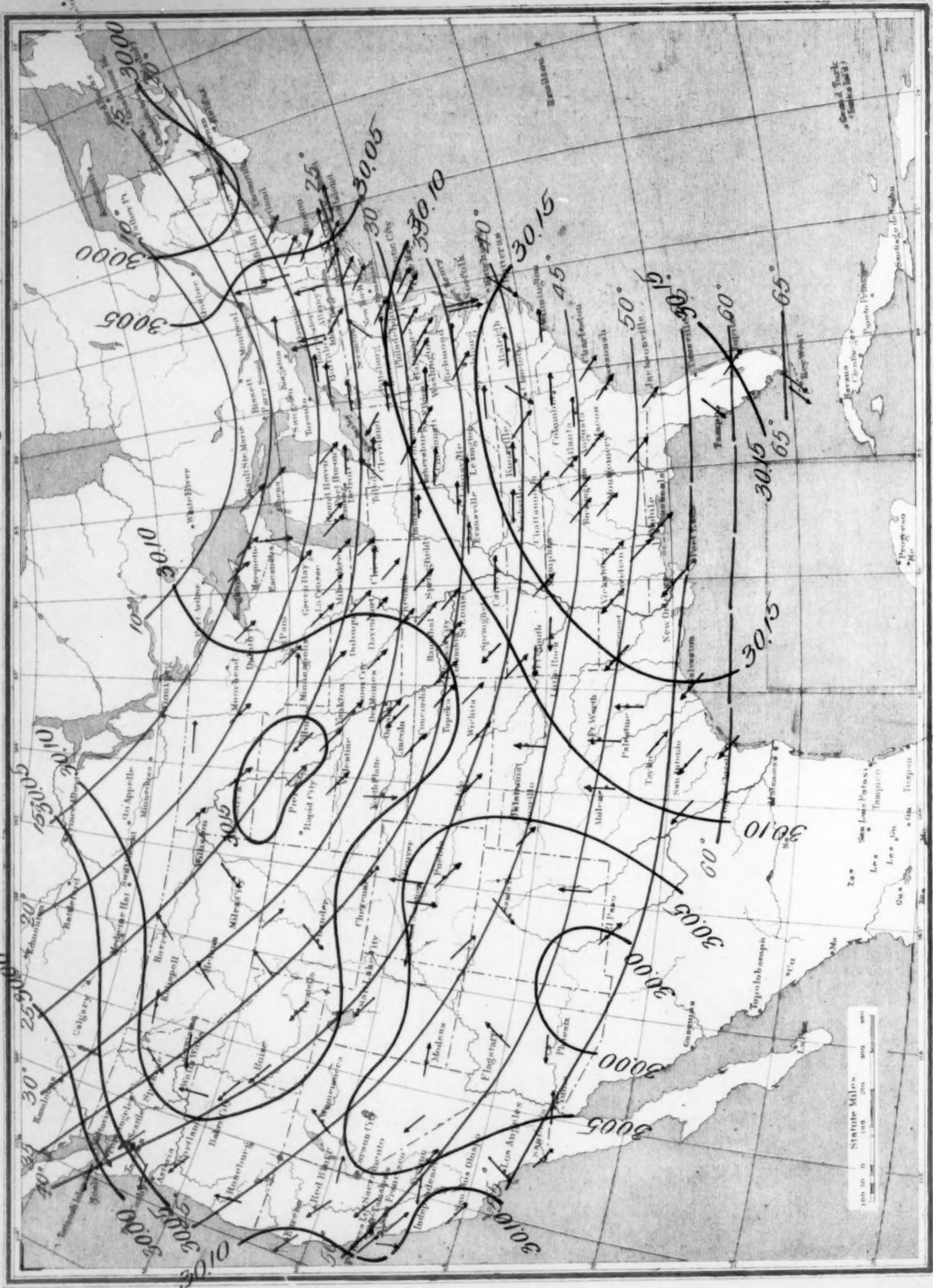


Chart VII. Total Snowfall for February, 1908.

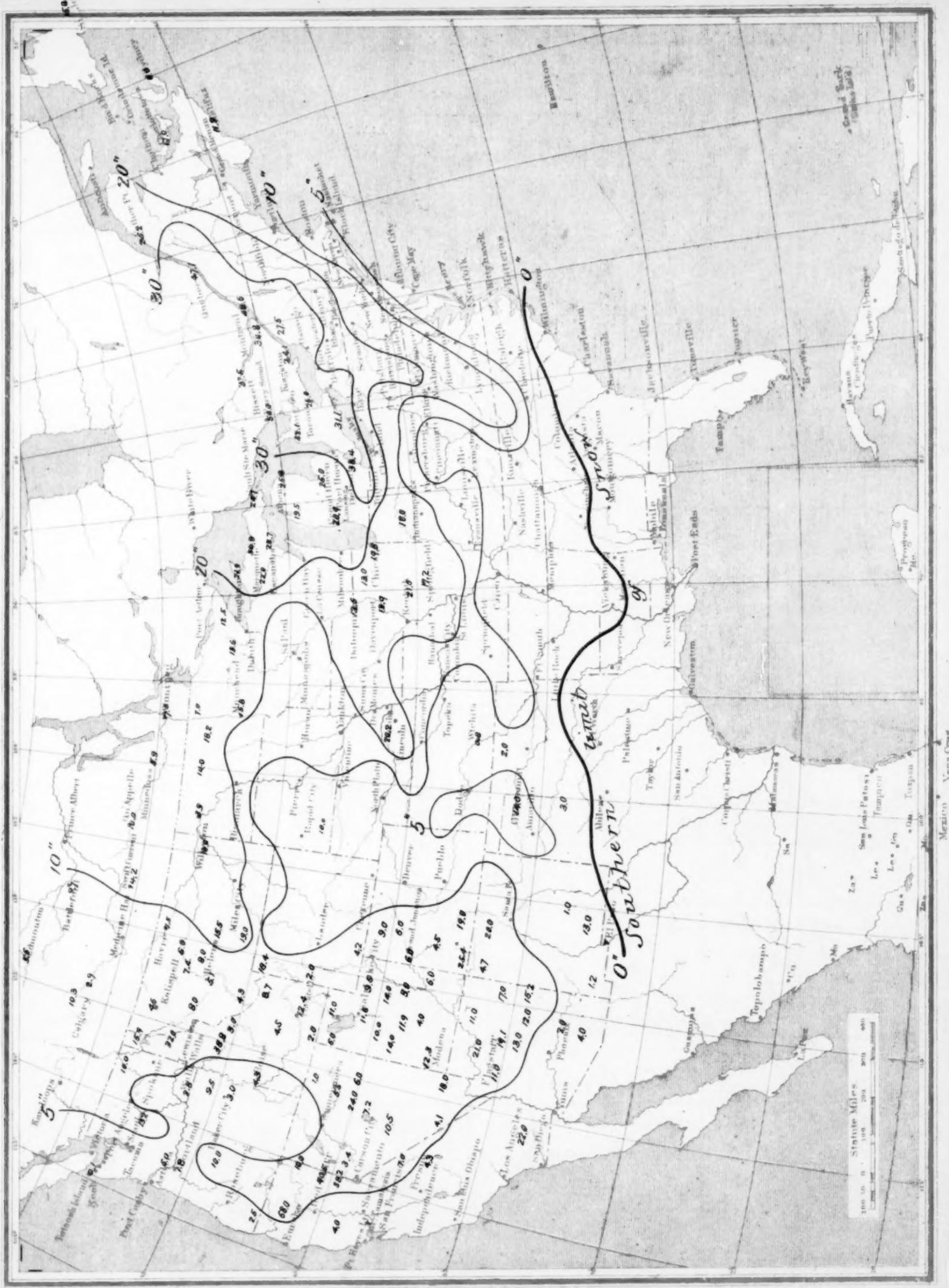


Chart VIII. Depth of Snow on Ground, February 29, 1908.



Chart IX. OBSERVATIONS AT THE RENO RESERVOIR, AUGUST 1-10, 12-17, 1907. XXXVI-17.

Fig. 6. Vapor pressure at 1 a. m.

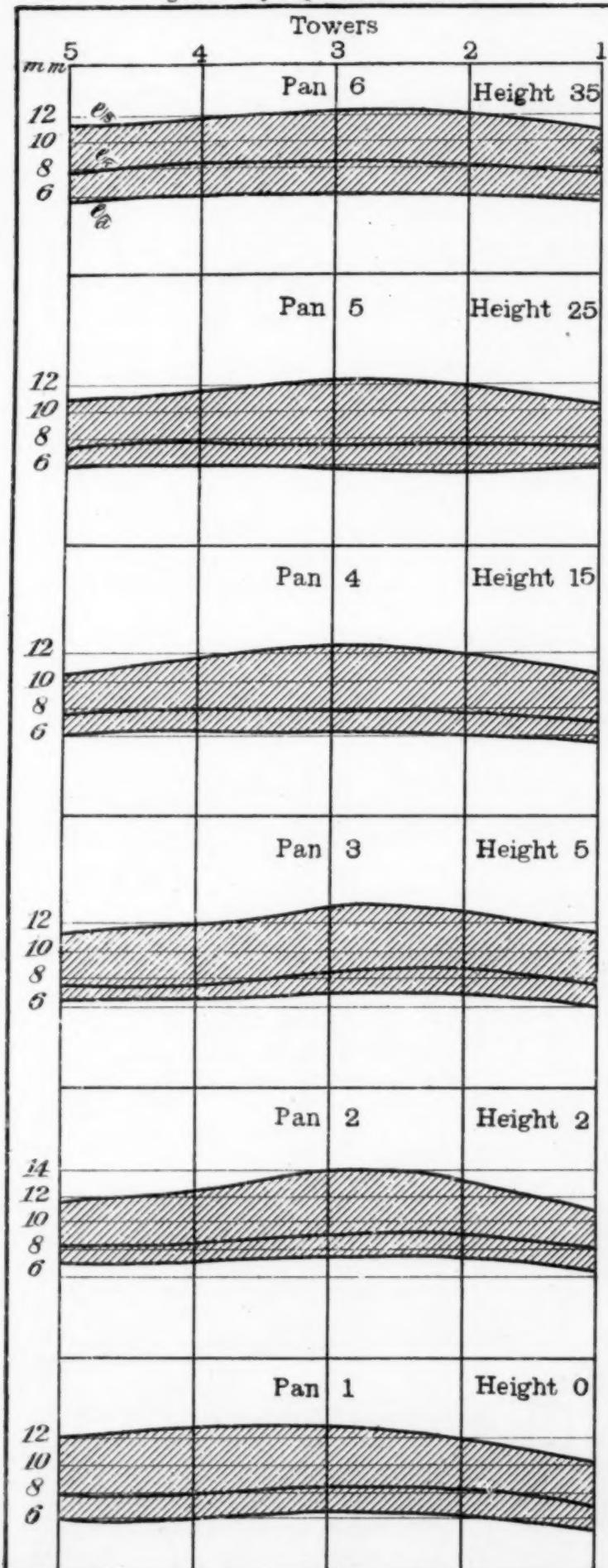


Fig. 7. Vapor pressure at 5 a. m.

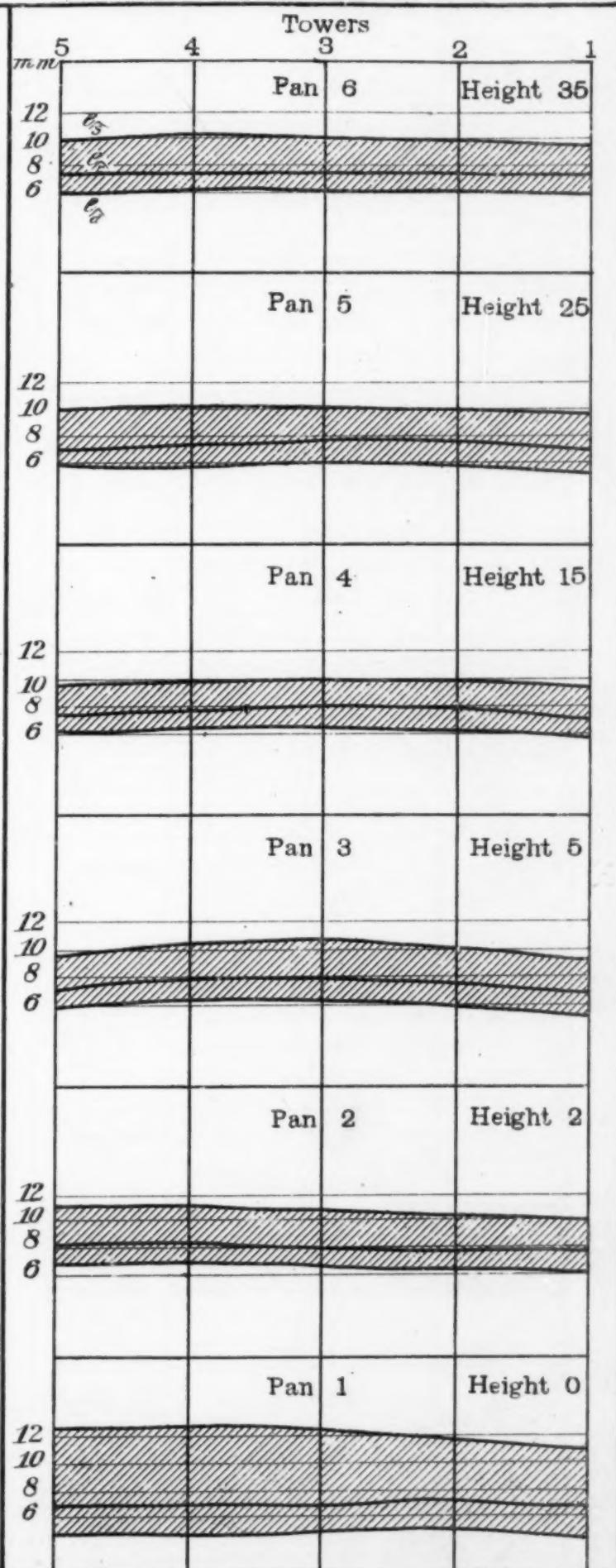


Chart X. OBSERVATIONS AT THE RENO RESERVOIR, AUGUST 1-10, 12-17, 1907. XXXVI-18.

Fig. 8. Vapor pressure at 8 a. m.

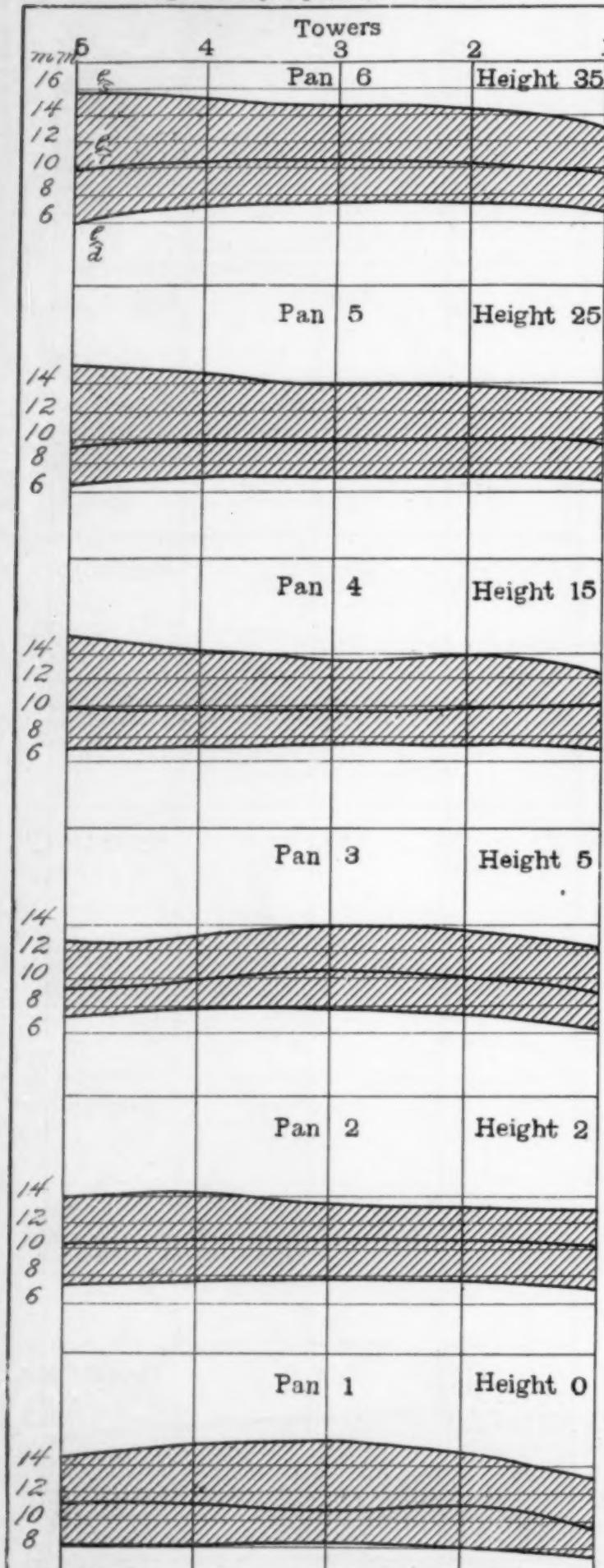


Fig. 9. Vapor pressure at 11 a. m.

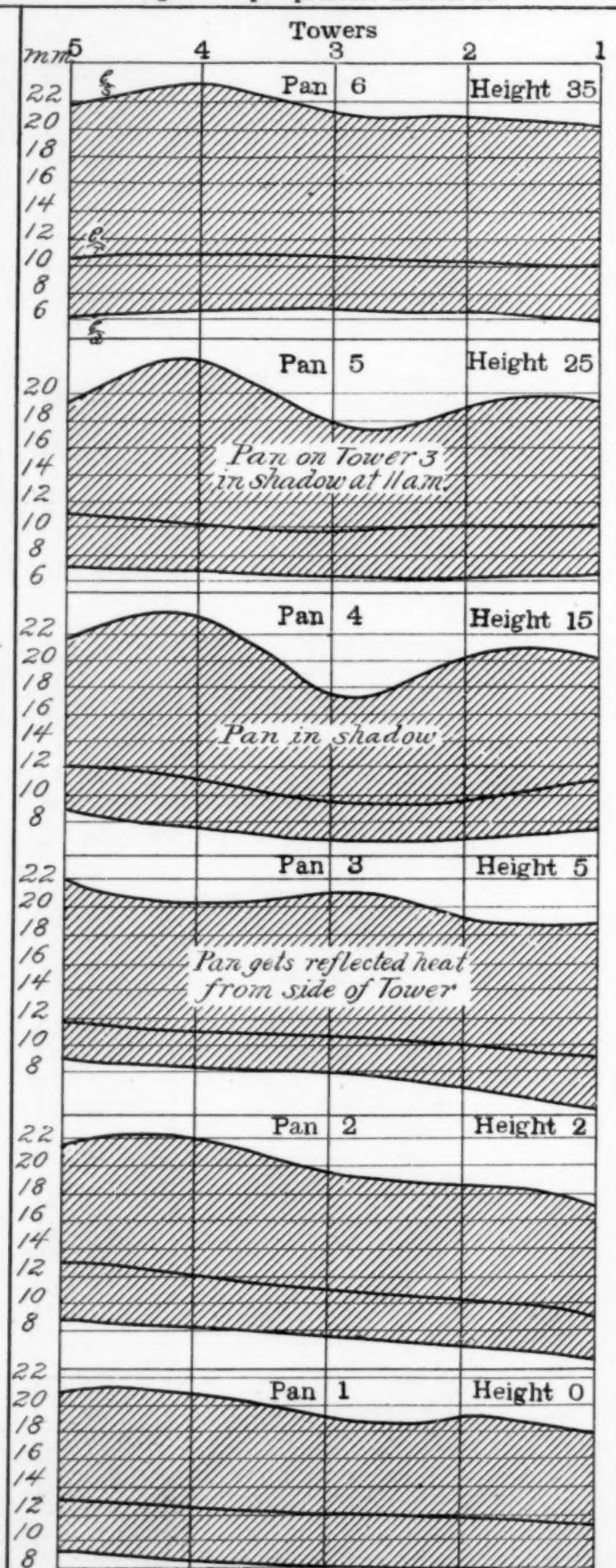


Chart XI. OBSERVATIONS AT THE RENO RESERVOIR, AUGUST 1-10, 12-17, 1907. XXXVI--19.

Fig. 10. Vapor pressure at 2 p. m.

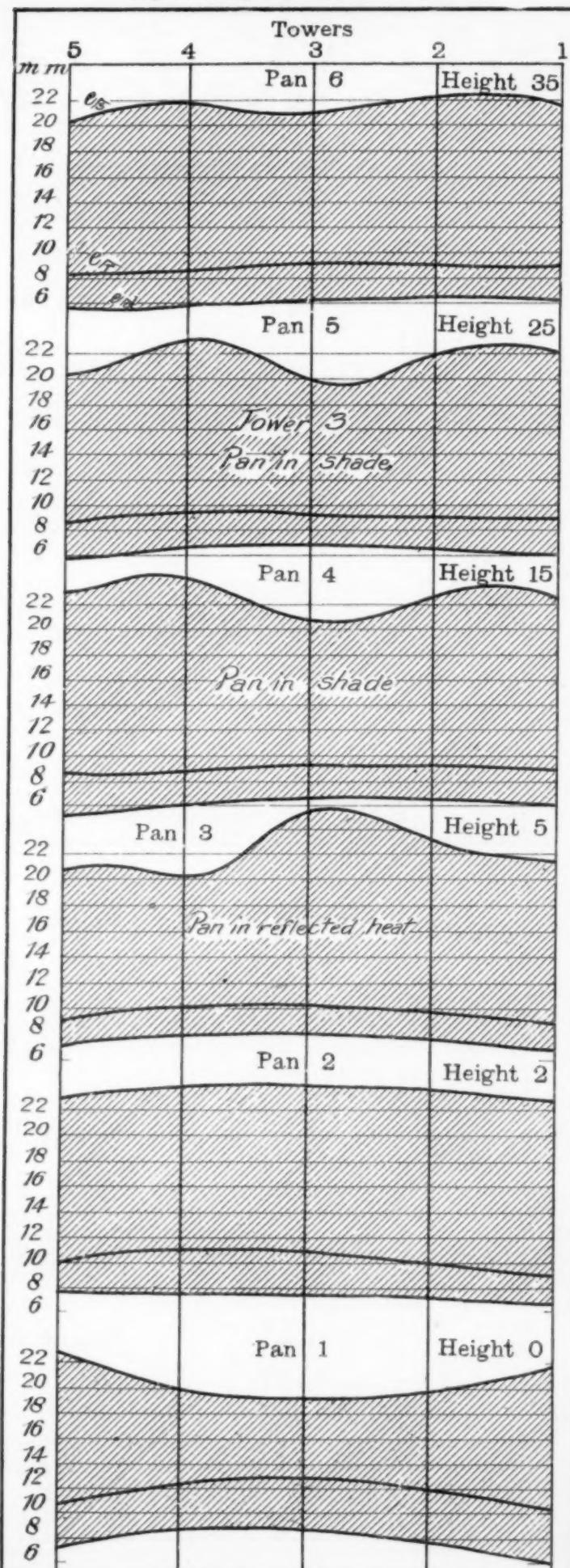


Fig. 11. Vapor pressure at 5 p. m.

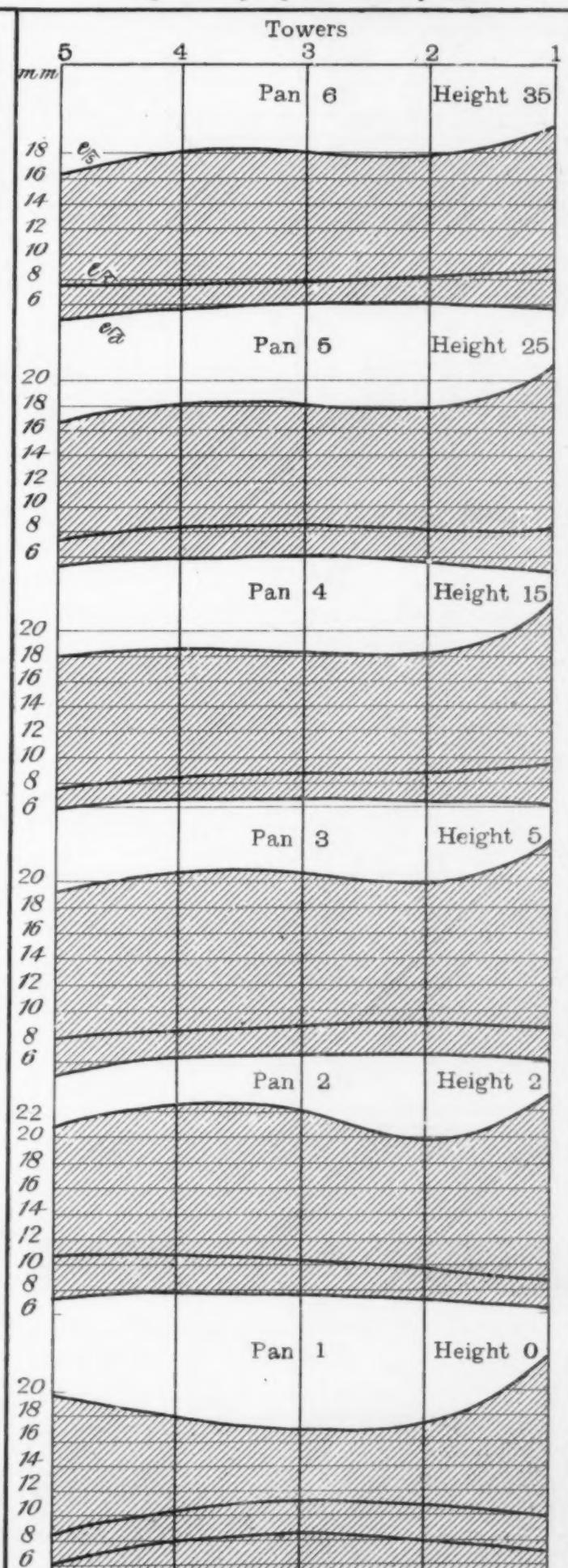


Chart XII. OBSERVATIONS AT THE RENO RESERVOIR, AUGUST 1-10, 12-17, 1907. XXXVI-20.

Fig. 12. Vapor pressure at 8 p. m.

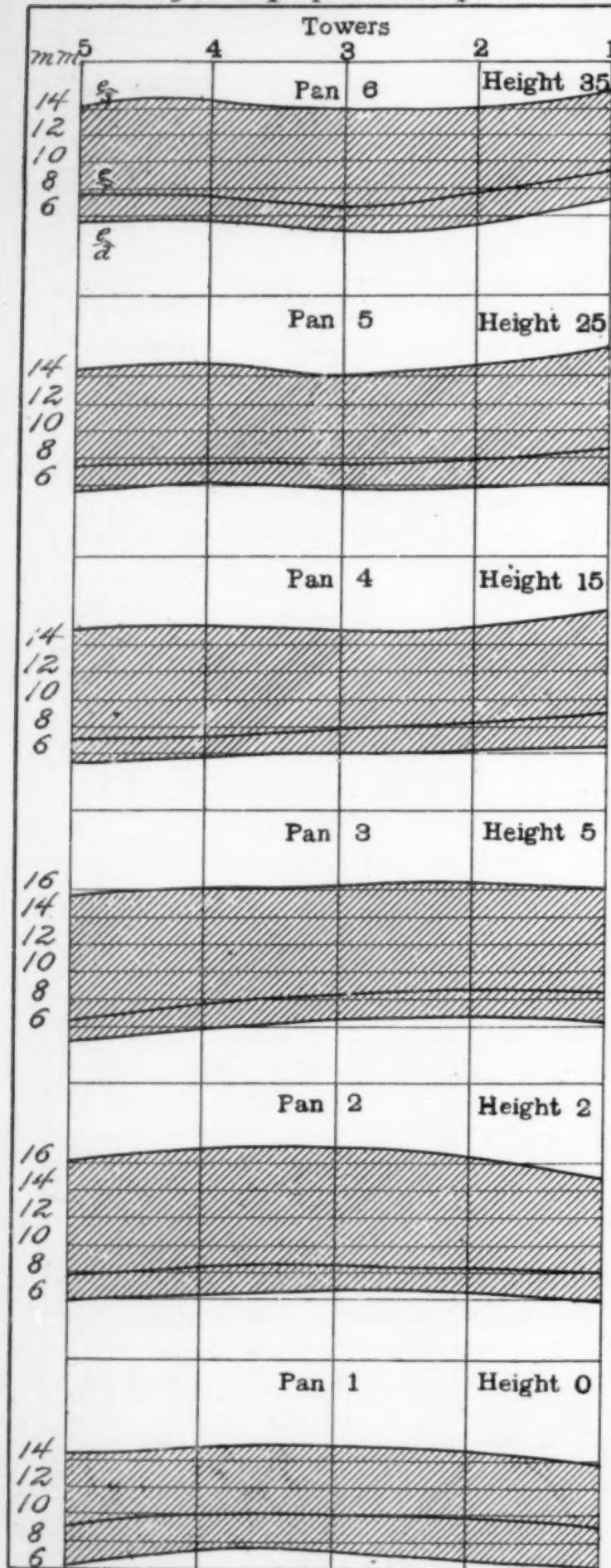


Fig. 13. Evaporation, 8 p. m. to 1 a. m.

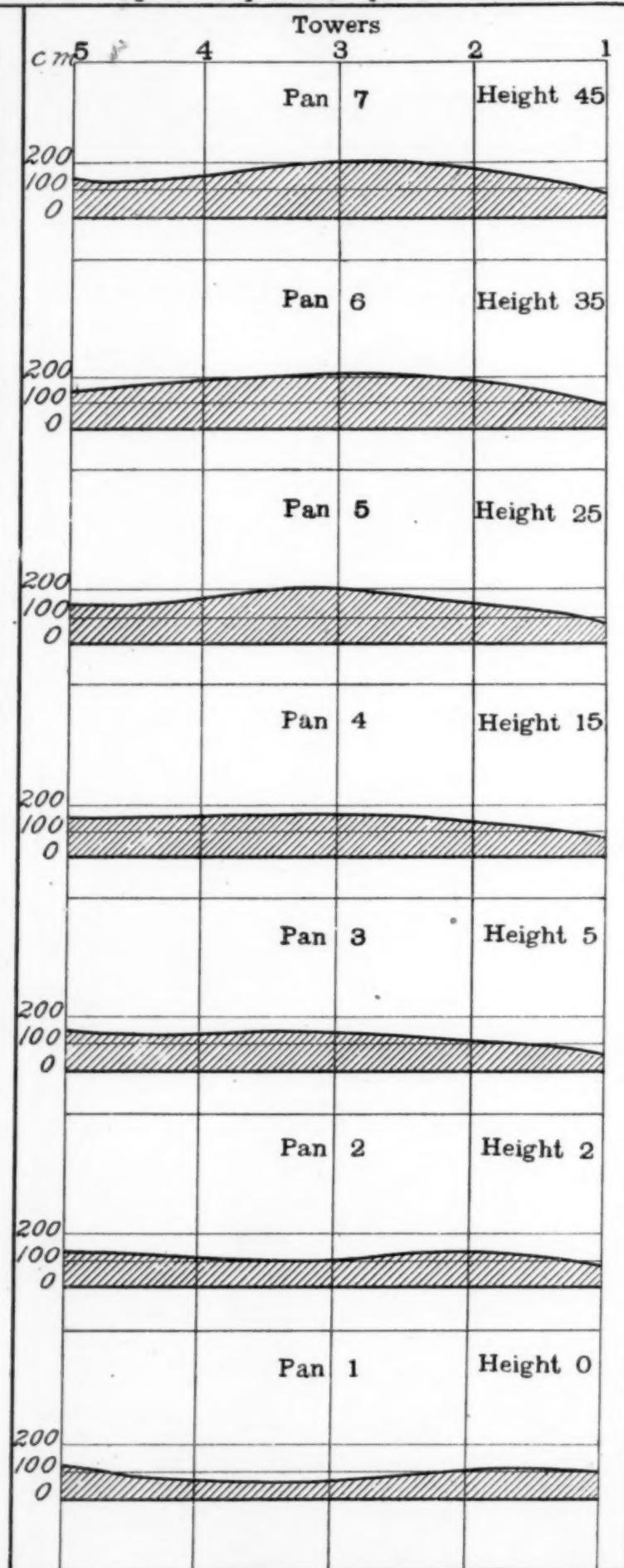


Chart XIII. OBSERVATIONS AT THE RENO RESERVOIR, AUGUST 1-10, 12-17, 1907. XXXVI-21.

Fig. 14. Evaporation, 1 a. m. to 5 a. m.

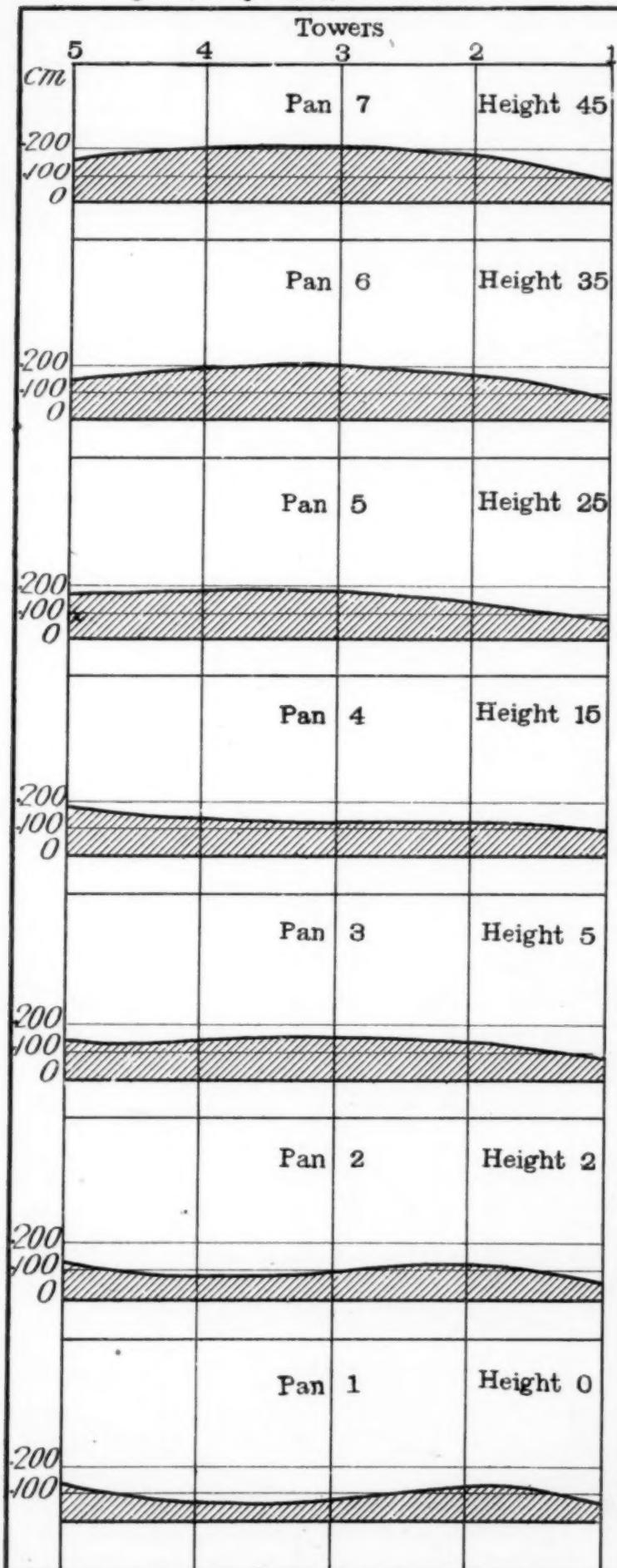


Fig. 15. Evaporation, 5 a. m. to 8 a. m.

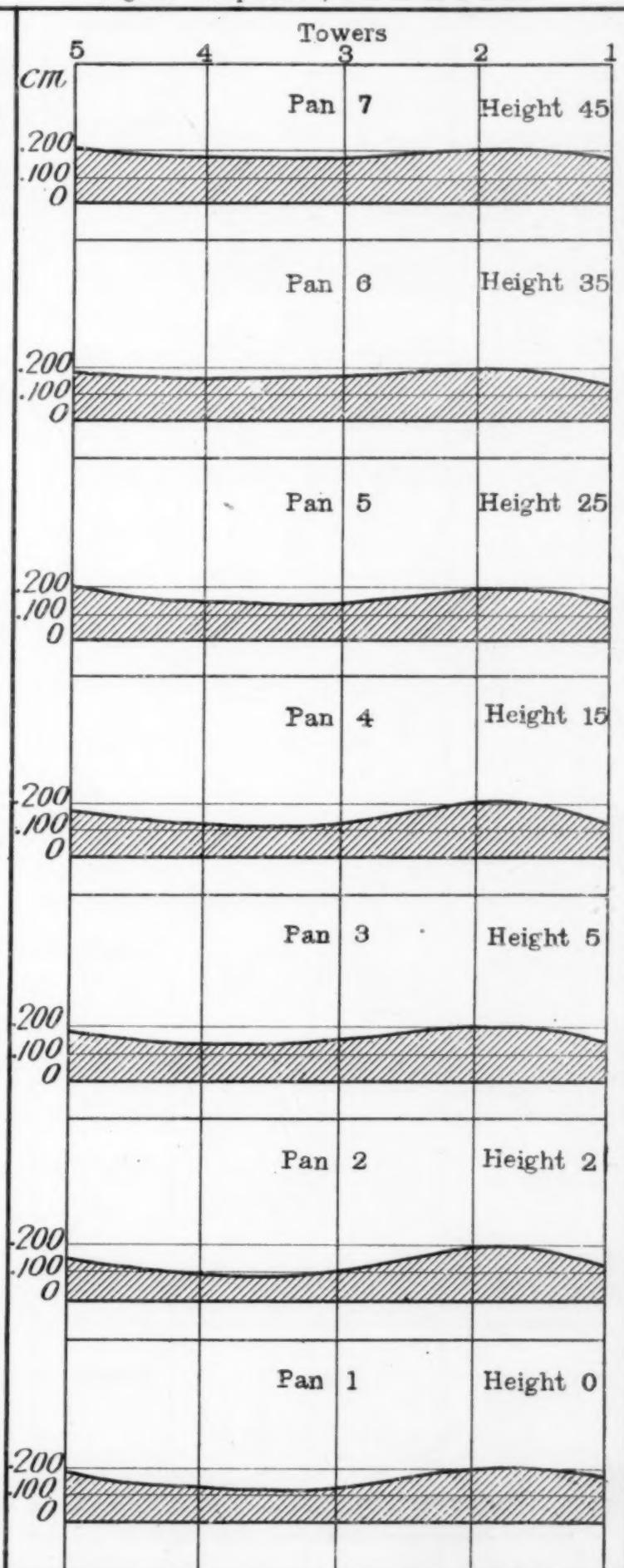


Chart XIV. OBSERVATIONS AT THE RENO RESERVOIR, AUGUST 1-10, 12-17, 1907. XXXVI-22.

Fig. 16. Evaporation, 8 a. m. to 11 a. m.

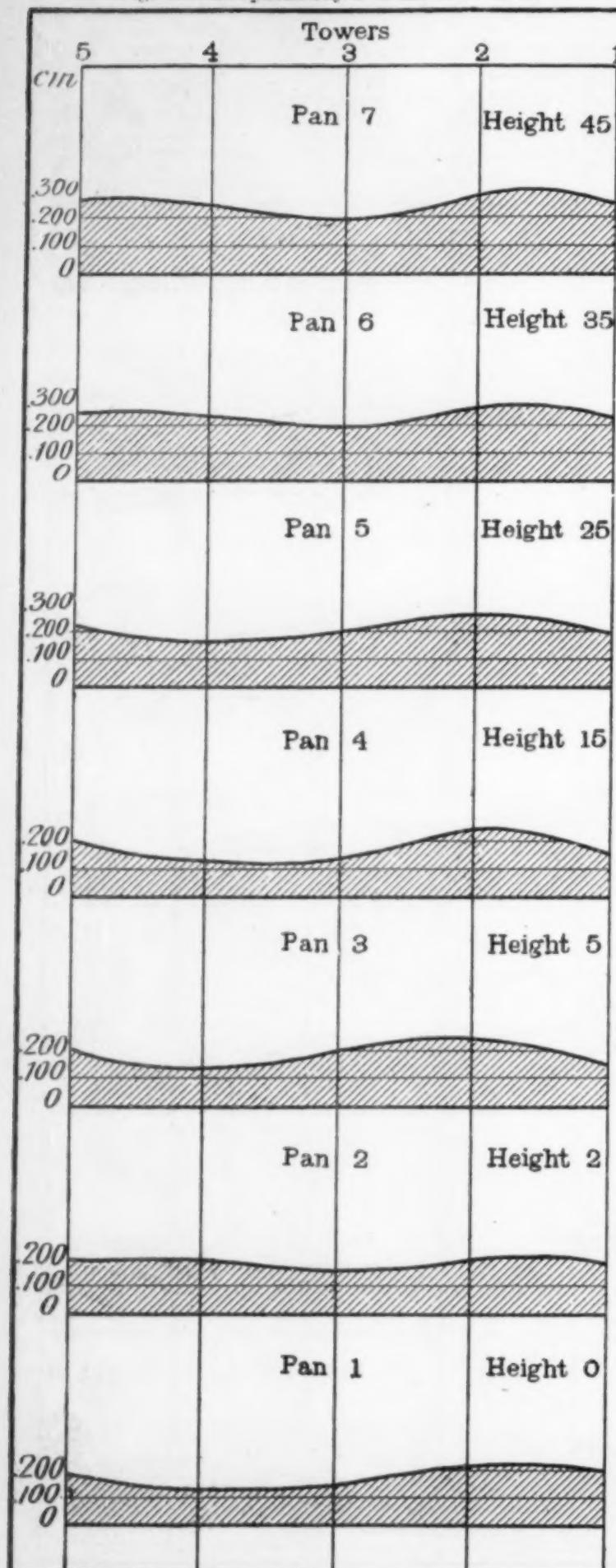


Fig. 17. Evaporation, 11 a. m. to 2 p. m.

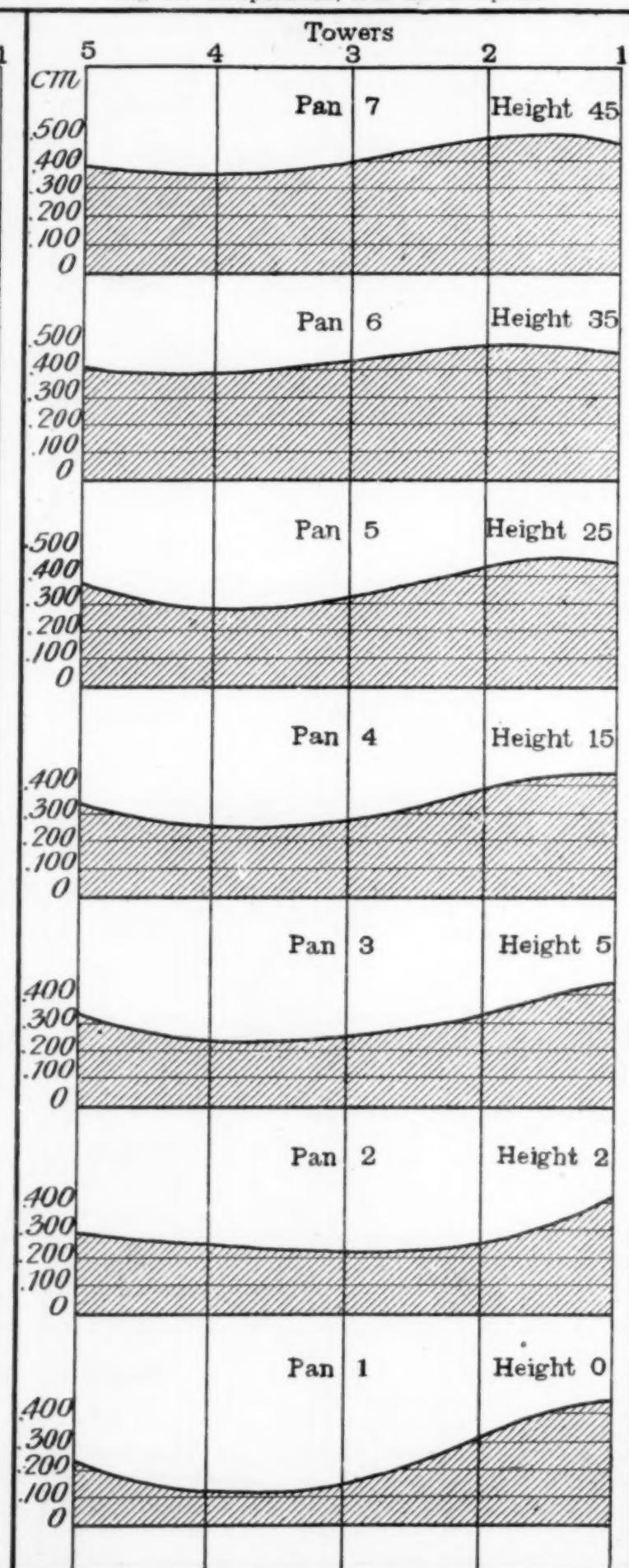


Chart XV. OBSERVATIONS AT THE RENO RESERVOIR, AUGUST 1-10, 12-17, 1907. XXXVI-23.

Fig. 18. Evaporation, 2 p. m. to 5 p. m.

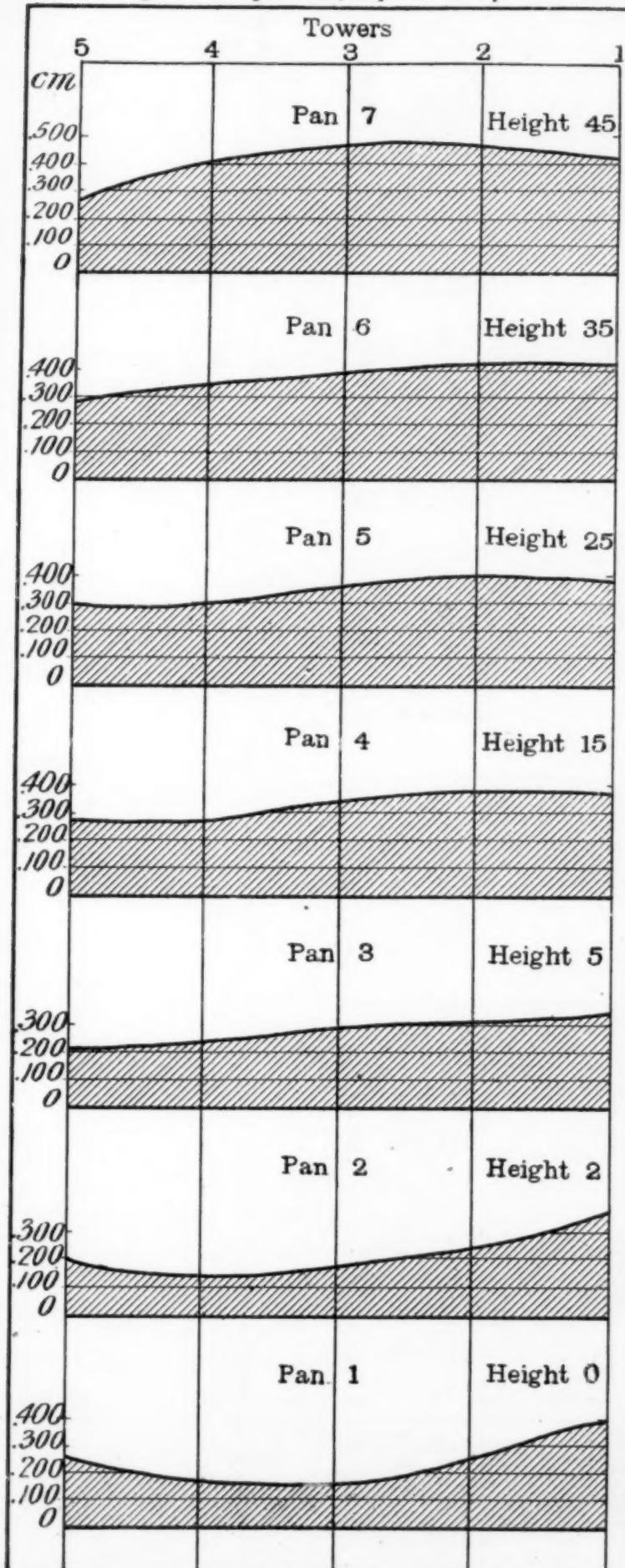


Fig. 19. Evaporation, 5 p. m. to 8 p. m.

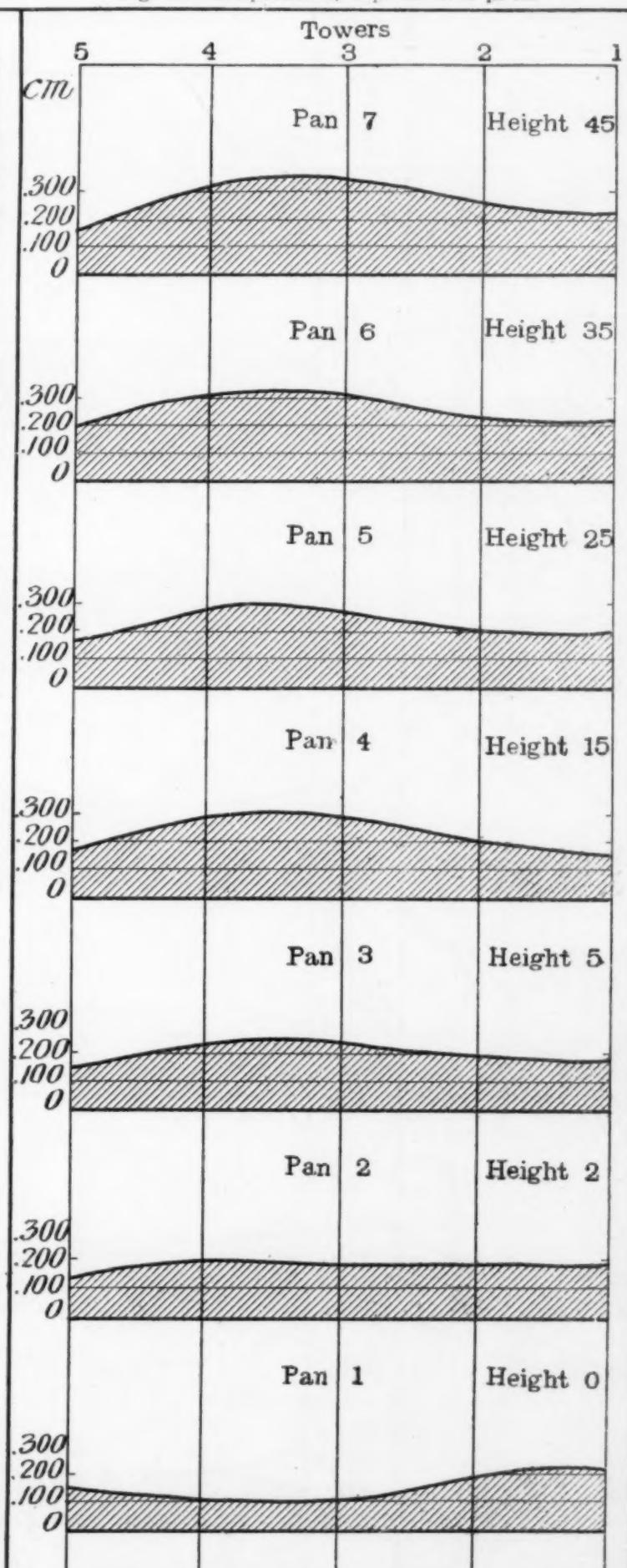


Chart XVI. OBSERVATIONS AT THE RENO RESERVOIR, AUGUST 1-10, 12-17, 1907.

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Fig. 20. Total daily evaporation.

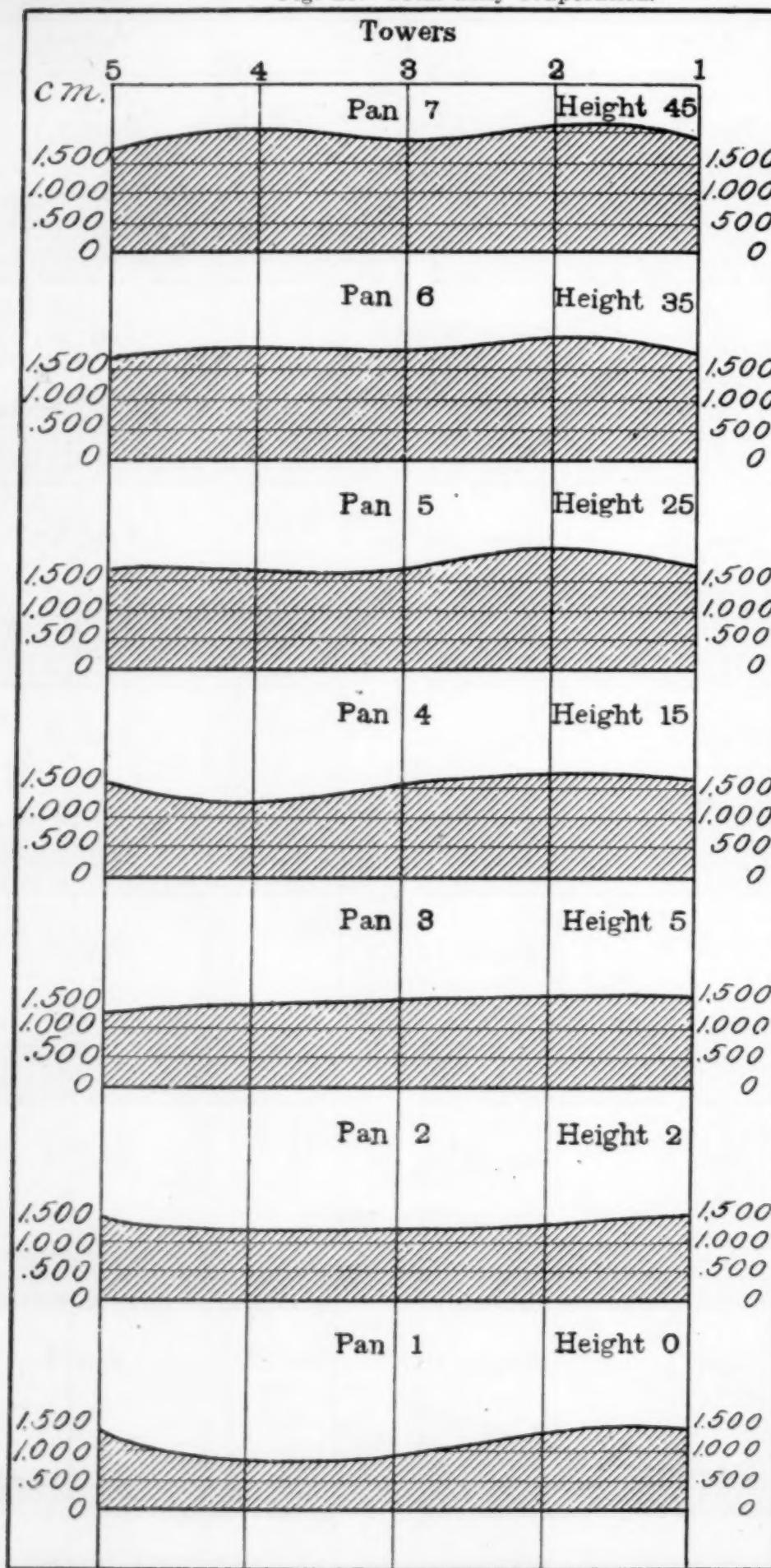


Chart XVII.

EVAPORATION,  $E_1$ ,  $E_2$ ,  $E_3$ .

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Fig. 23. Tower 1.

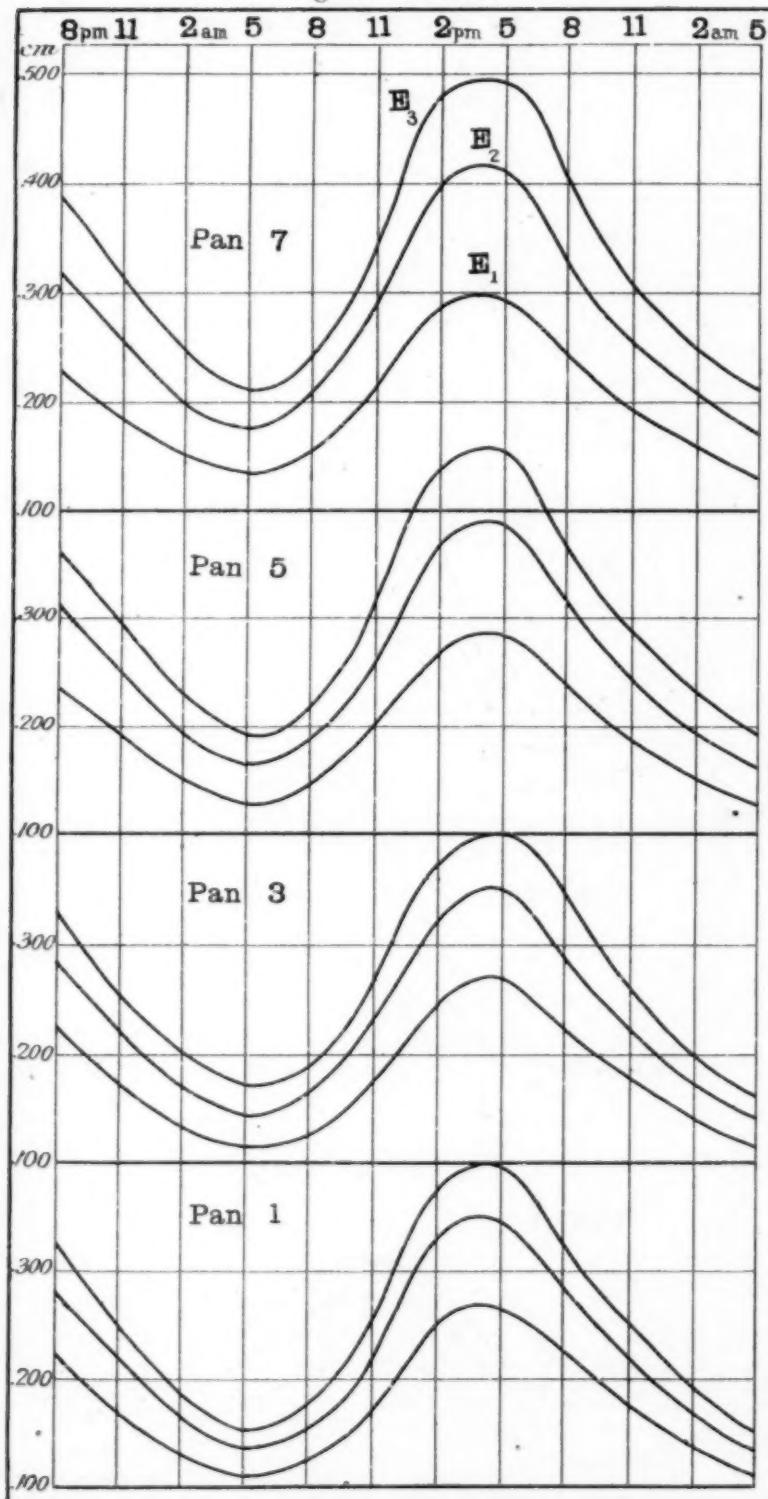


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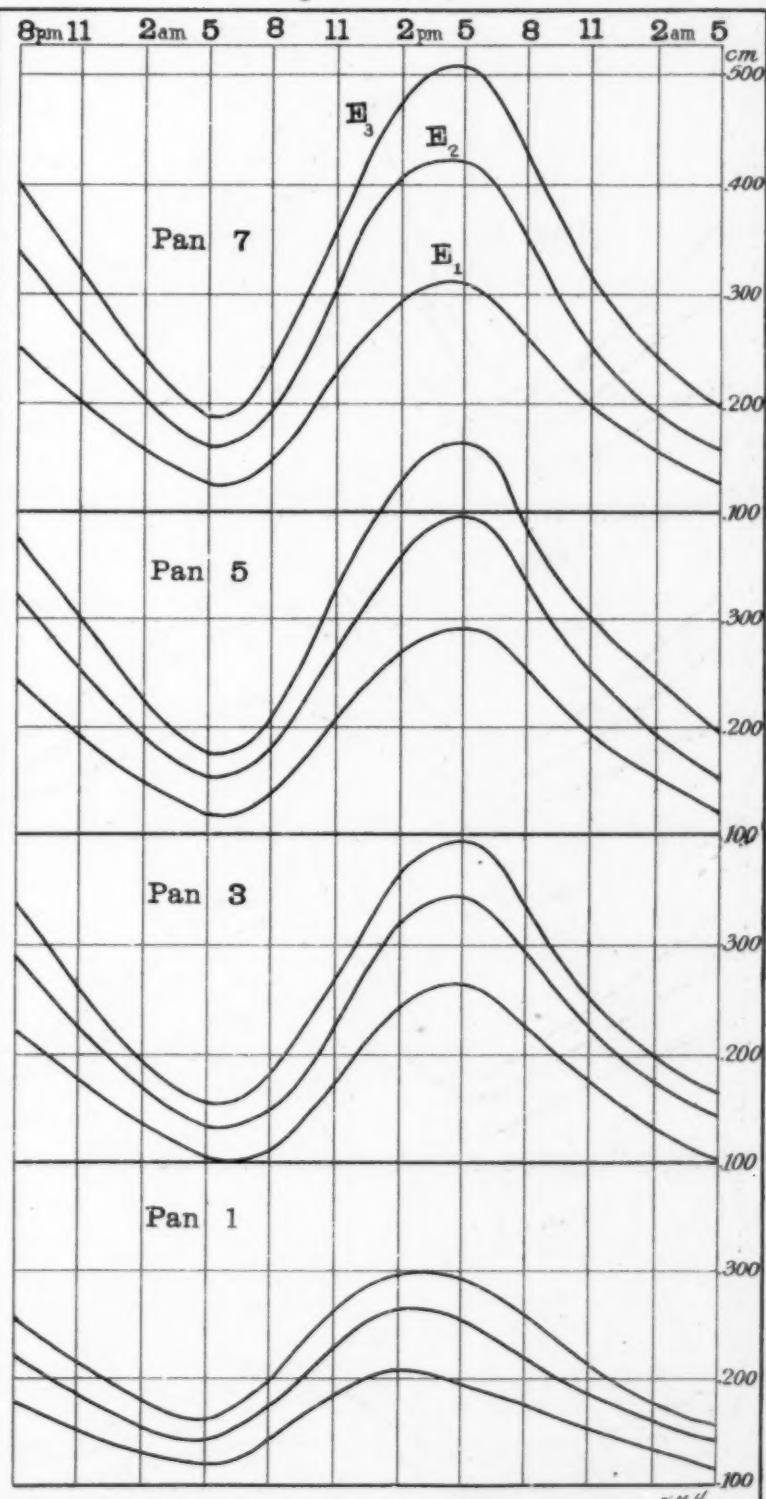


Chart XVIII.

EVAPORATION,  $E_1$ ,  $E_2$ ,  $E_3$ .

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Fig. 25. Tower 3.

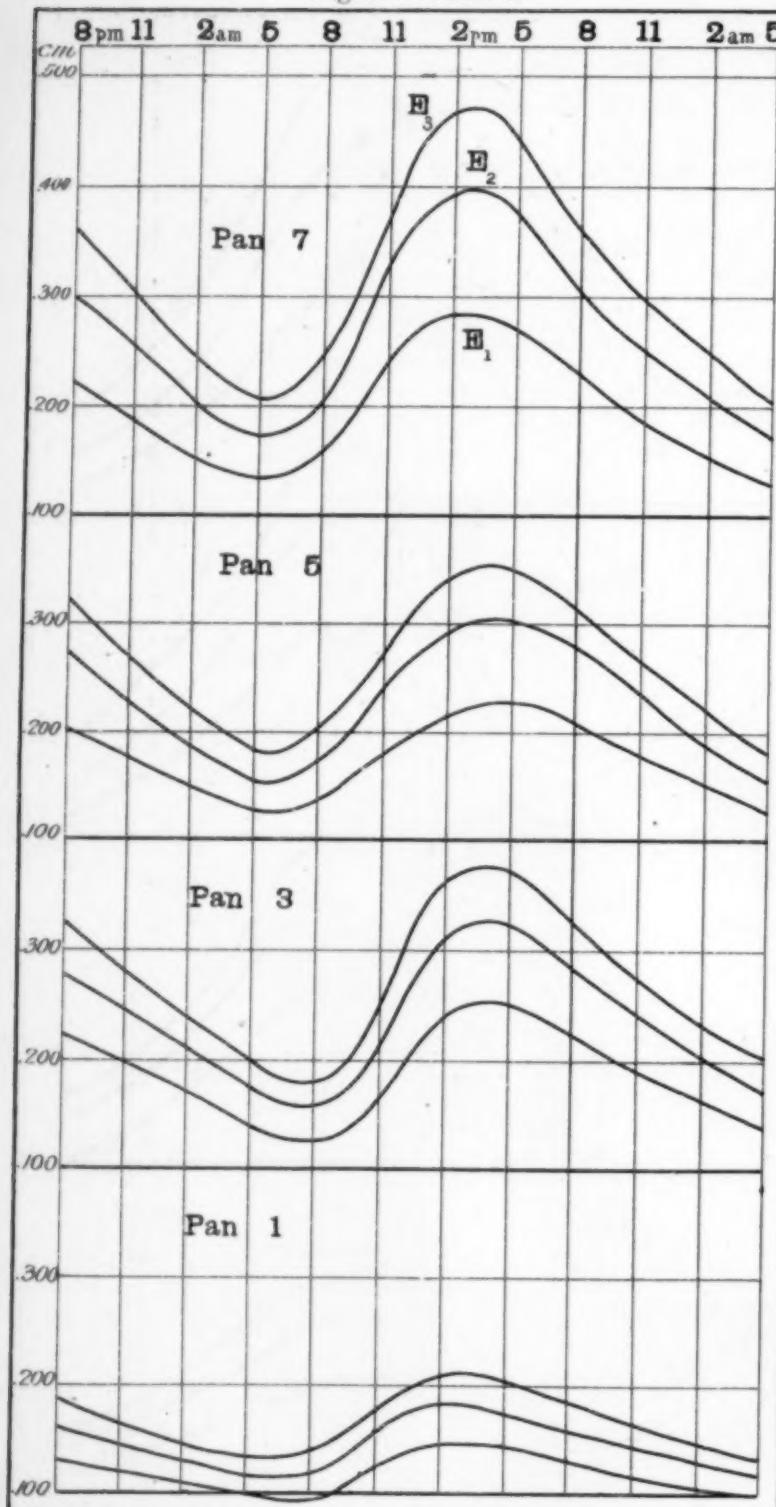


Fig. 26. Tower 4.

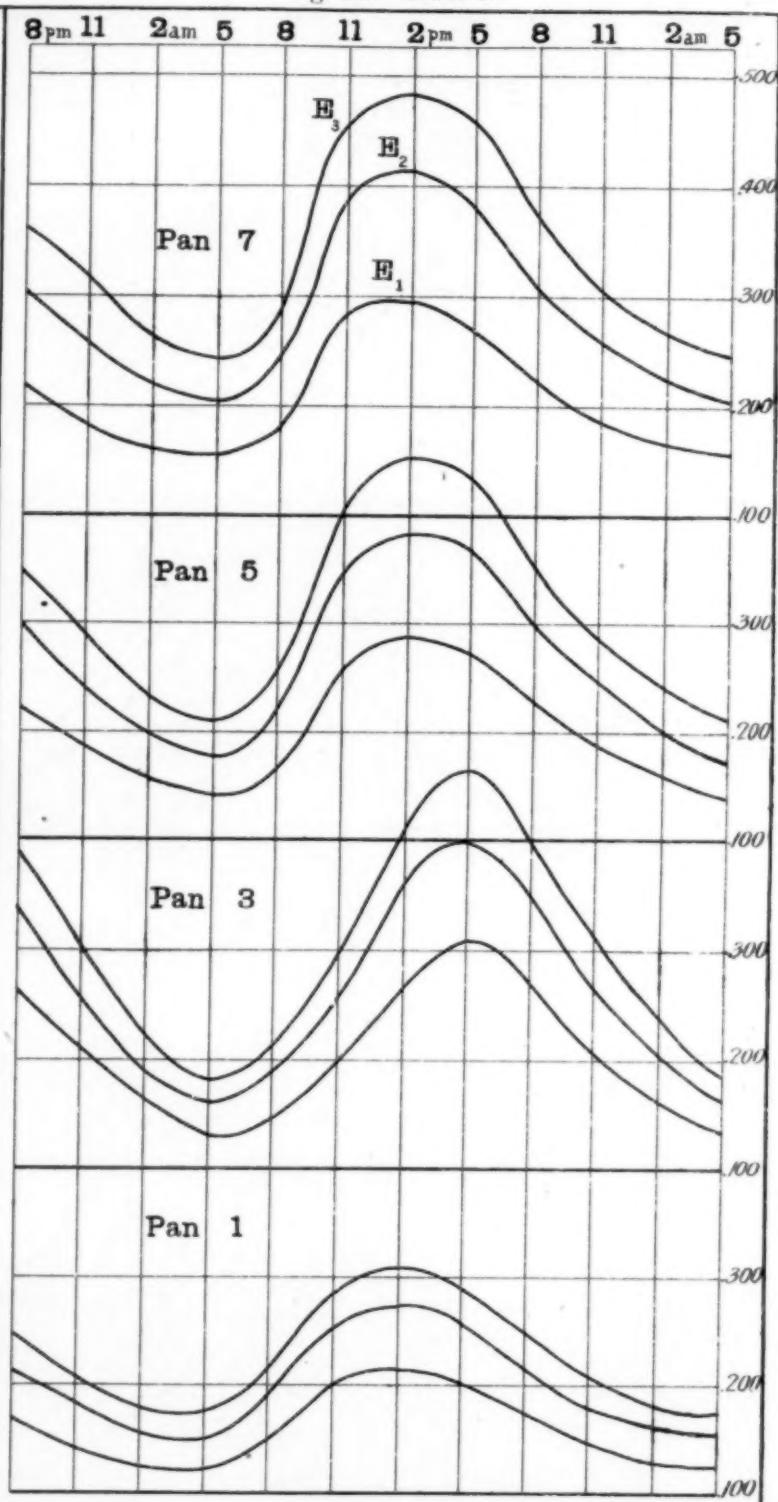


Chart XIX. EVAPORATION,  $E_1$ ,  $E_2$ ,  $E_3$ . XXXVI-27.

Fig. 27. Tower 5.

